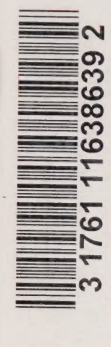


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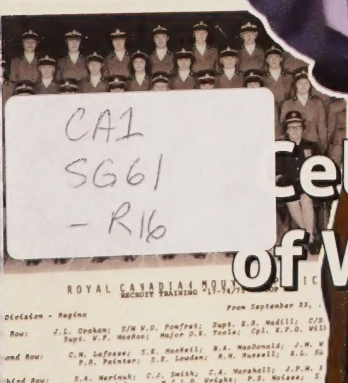
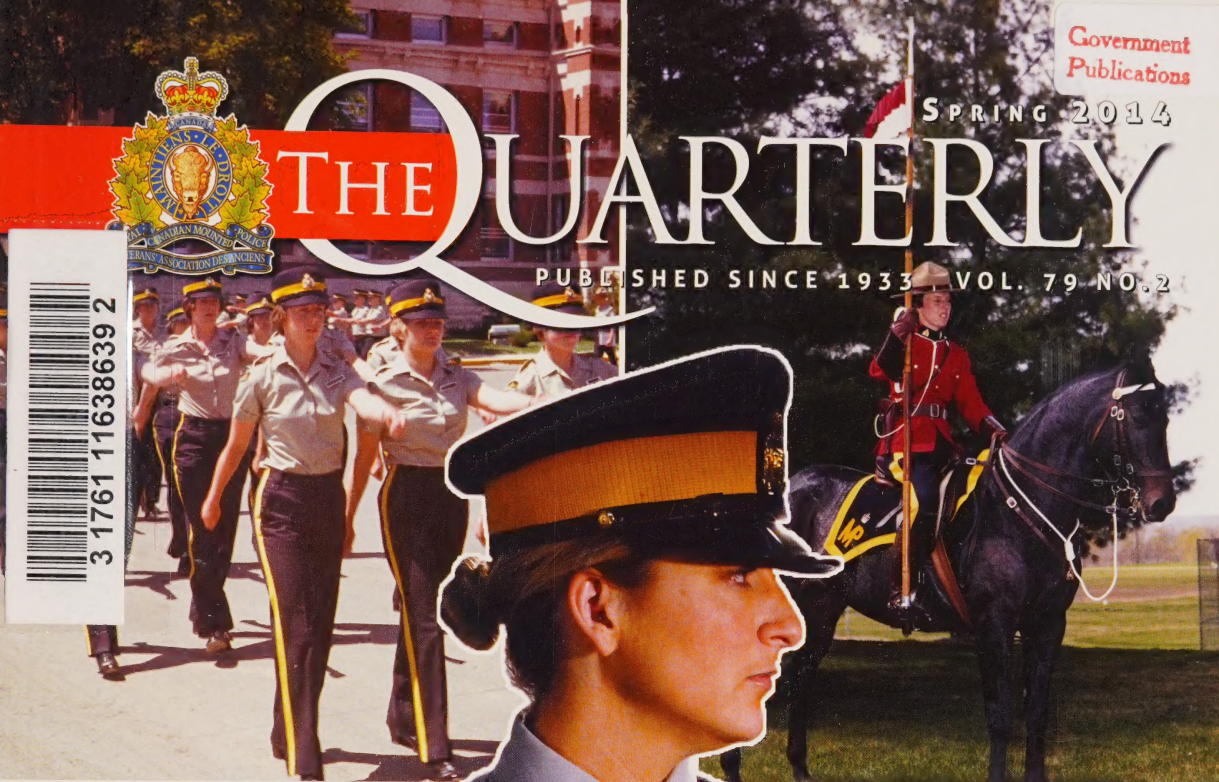
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From the Editor



Welcome to the Spring 2014 issue of *the Quarterly*. After a long winter across the entire country, it is nice that the weather is now warming up and the flowers are once again in bloom.

Here at the magazine, we are proudly celebrating 40 years of women in the RCMP. On May 23, 1974, RCMP Commr. M.J. Nadon formally announced that women could apply to join the RCMP as regular uniformed members. By September 1974, the first troop of female members – known as Troop 17 – had gathered and begun training at “Depot” in Regina, Sask.

Women have come a long way over the past four decades, rising through the ranks, becoming part of the Musical Ride, staffing foreign posts, instructing at “Depot,” and even ascending to the role of Commission of the Force. In this issue, we highlight an exhibit put on by the RCMP Heritage Centre and the RCMP Historical Collections Unit that celebrates four decades of women in the RCMP. The exhibit will be on display this summer at the RCMP Heritage Centre. It explores, in detail, the experiences of the first female members to the continuing roles that women in the Force play today. Also, we have, in this issue, a fascinating profile of Nancy Puttkemery, the first female pilot with the RCMP. And, we review the book entitled *The Red Wall*, by author Jane Hall.

The Quarterly is also continuing to pay tribute to the wives who effectively served as the “Second Man,” living in remote one- or two-man detachments with their RCMP husbands, and supporting the Force through activities that ranged from minding jail cells to cooking meals for prisoners and placing orders for supplies from RCMP headquarters. The contributions of the Second Man to the history of the Force cannot be overstated. These women have played an important role in shaping the Mounted Police of today.

In the Spring issue, we also have an article on the history of bugles and trumpets in the RCMP. These instruments do much more than simply play music. They have been an integral communications tool for both the RCMP and Canadian military throughout history. This is the type of quirky story you will only find in the pages of *the Quarterly*.

Lastly, it is important to note that starting on July 2, 2014, Public Works and Government Services Canada will be managing the administration of RCMP pension plans, along with pensioner’s medical and dental insurance plans. Please see page 16 for more details on this change and what it means for RCMP veterans and their families.

Please continue to send us your stories, photos and cartoons. We reserve the right to edit, and don’t print everything, but we review every submission that we receive and are grateful for your continued help and support.

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I am a retired staff sergeant of the Force and have been a *Quarterly* subscriber for many years. I am missing one issue – July 1948, Vol. 14, No. 1. If you have this issue, please contact E.R. Mainman by e-mail at kmmainman@telus.net or by phone at 780-417-9048. Thank you.

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Correction

The obituary of Cst. Marion Elizabeth MacQuarrie, Reg. No. 36475, contained an error in the Winter 2014 *Quarterly*, Vol. 79, No. 1. It is reprinted in this issue. *The Quarterly* regrets the error.



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Celebrating 40 Years of Women in the Force

ON MAY 23, 1974, RCMP Commissioner M.J. Nadon announced that women could apply to the RCMP as regular members. By September 1974, the first troop of female members had gathered and begun their training at "Depot."

Prior to 1974, women served in the Force as matrons as far back as 1892, and as civilian members. Matrons dealt with female offenders arrested by the Mounted Police. Women also worked as fingerprint technicians and lab technicians in the RCMP.

Prior to Commr. Nadon's announcement, extensive research had been undertaken to

determine the feasibility of employing women as regular members or special constables. The study focused on the best place of employment and what type of training should be given to female personnel. All Division CO's had to submit their views, including comments on qualifications, training, advancement, duties, advantages and disadvantages. C Directorate Research Section prepared a report, dated May 18, 1971. Police departments in Canada and abroad were contacted for their feedback. As well, all Divisions were canvassed and specific requirements for female police officers were determined.

For Troop 17, their training lasted 22 weeks, and while some modifications were made to the physical training, it was otherwise identical to the training of their male recruits.

When the first female troop of regular members graduated from "Depot" on March 3, 1975, many were present for the historical event: Commr. M.J. Nadon; the Honorable Warren Allmand, then Solicitor General of Canada; Roy Romanow, the Attorney General of Saskatchewan; the Hon.

First female recruits arrive in September 1974.



Wilma Helen Hunley, Solicitor General for the Province of Alberta; and the Hon. A. Taylor, Minister of Social Services in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Four serving or retired members of the Force were invited to present their daughters with their badges, and, for the first time, the mothers were also invited to participate in the presentation.

The following timeline highlights the accomplishments of women in the RCMP:

- 1968** First female to achieve Chief Scientist in Serology at the RCMP Laboratories - Patricia Alain
- 1969** First Officer in Charge of the Forensic Laboratory in Winnipeg - Catherine Purchase
- 1974** Thirty two women from across Canada arrived at the RCMP Training Academy to become the first female troop in the history of the Force - Troop 17 graduated from "Depot" on March 3, 1975
- 1978** First civilian member Officer i/c Translation Branch - Thérèse Ayotte
- 1981** First female promoted to corporal - Cpl. Diane Sheppard (Wright)

1981 First two females on the Musical Ride - Cst. Joan Merk and Cst. Chris Windover (Mackie)

Regular Members of the RCMP

Rank	Total	Men	Women
		Number	Number
S/Cst.	67	62	5
Cst.	11514	8856	2658
Cpl.	3557	2760	797
Sgt.	1938	1630	308
S/Sgt.	854	785	69
S/S/M	11	11	0
S/M	3	1	2
C/S/M	1	1	0
Insp.	361	313	48
Supt.	167	144	23
C/Supt.	56	48	8
A/Commr.	24	18	5
D/Commr.	5	5	0
Commr.	1	1	0
Total	18559	14635	3924

This workforce report was issued Jan. 9, 2014. The report does not reflect the appointment of two D/Commr.'s or other commissions or promotions.

Female recruits take time for a meal.





Female recruits polish their shoes in "B" Block barracks circa 1975.

- 1984** First female in the RCMP Band - Cst. Kerry Ann Kutz
- 1987** First female in "Air" Div. - Nancy Puttkemery (deceased on duty on Dec. 9, 1989). See story on page 11
- 1987** First female dispatched to a Foreign Post, Lyon France - Sgt. Diane Pilotte
- 1988** First female instructors at the Training Academy in Regina - Ruby Burns, Karen Adams, Millie Norry, Judy Best, Nancy McKerry, Betty Glassman and Raymonde Pharand
- 1988** First civilian member Officer i/c Strategic Planning & Corporate Policy Branch - Tonita Murray
- 1989** First female on the RCMP Honour Roll - Cst. Della Beyak was killed in an automobile accident while on duty on March 15, 1989, near Assiniboia, Sask.
- 1990** First female detachment commander - Cindy Villeneuve, on Jan. 29, 1990, at LaColle Detachment, Que.

Current Female Commanding Officers

C/Supt. Brenda Butterworth-Carr
"F" Div. (Saskatchewan)

A/Commr. Tracy Hardy
"B" Div. (Newfoundland)

D/Commr. Marianne Ryan
"K" Div. (Alberta)

- 1992** First female commissioned officers - Beverley Busson, Cindy Villeneuve and Line Carbonneau
First female civilian member engaged as an electronic technician - Grace Ann Piche
- 1993** First female drill instructor at the RCMP Training Academy, Debbie Reitenbach, Nov. 22, 1993
- 1994** First female Deputy Commissioner - Corporate Management - Mireille Badour
- 1998** First female Assistant Commissioner and first female Commanding Officer of a division (Saskatchewan) - Beverley Busson



Troop 17 reunites after 25 years and is pictured at the Parade Square at "Depot" in front of the chapel. (L-R): First row: Jan Watson, Sharon Sisson, Bev Busson, Joanne Whidden, Patti Lawrence, Karen Adams, Heather Souva. Second row: Shirley Yurchyshyn, Connie Pinnegar. Third row: Eva Miller, Greta Mortensen, Cheryl Joyce, Donna Morse, Barb Alexander, Patricia Clark, Betty Glassman, Shiela Sullivan, Bev Hosker, Deb Hosker.

1999 First female Commanding Officer of "Depot" Div. (Training Academy) - Lynn Twardosky

2002 First female S/S/M - Debbie Reitenbach, Dec. 10, 2002

2003 First female member of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) - Cst. Rhonda Blackmore, Aug. 15, 2003

2006 First female Commissioner of the RCMP - Beverley Busson served from Dec. 16, 2006 - July 16, 2007

2008 First female S/M - Debbie Reitenbach, Dec. 17, 2008



A female cadet examines her results.



Women of the RCMP have left a rich legacy which continues to grow in the 21st century. From Frontline Policing, to Forensics, to Human Resources and Information Technology, the dedicated women of the RCMP continue to be key contributors to the successful delivery of policing services to Canadian communities.

Purses, Pumps and Pistols: 40 Years of Women in the RCMP

By Jodi Ann Eskritt, Curator, RCMP Historical Collections Unit

WHEN TROOP 17 ARRIVED for training at "Depot" Div. in September 1974, they brought something with them that no troop had brought before - the Canadian press corps.

The first female recruits accepted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police – a total of 32 women little aware of the full impact they would have – were dogged throughout training by journalists eager for a photo opportunity and to document this pivotal moment in the history of one of the world's most famous police forces. Forty years later, some may have forgotten the hurly burly of public attention that followed these first women in the Force, but few can deny the change they wrought on a cherished Canadian institution.

Not that women hadn't played a part in the storied history of the Mounted Police before 1974. At many an isolated and remote detachment, particularly in Canada's northern regions, police wives had earned the title "the Second Man." We imagine today the lone Mountie bringing law and order to the barren north. However, this image was, in good part, made possible by the unpaid labour of his wife. This behind-the-scenes reality was familiar

for some of the new female recruits; among the new troop were the sisters and daughters of police officers. Few, however, could predict how this new generation of women would change the role of the Mountie.



Modelling new female member's Service Dress uniform, 1974.

(RCMP Historical Collections Unit, Regina)

Beginning on May 23, 2014, the RCMP Heritage Centre and RCMP Historical Collections Unit will mark the 40th Anniversary

of Women in the Force with a special feature exhibition open to the public throughout the summer months. Through their stories and artifacts, the exhibition will explore the experiences of women in the Mounted Police from the historic national swearing-in ceremony of the first female members on September 16, 1974 to the continuing roles of women serving today.

In the early 1970s, the RCMP was under a microscope and suffering under the weight of recent public criticism. The 1970 October Crisis and the response to the *Front de libération du Québec* (FLQ) had cost the RCMP some of the public trust it had built up over almost a century of policing. The Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada had not spared the Mounted Police when recommending that women, already able to serve with municipal police forces throughout the country, be hired on a full, equal basis with male officers in the national police force.

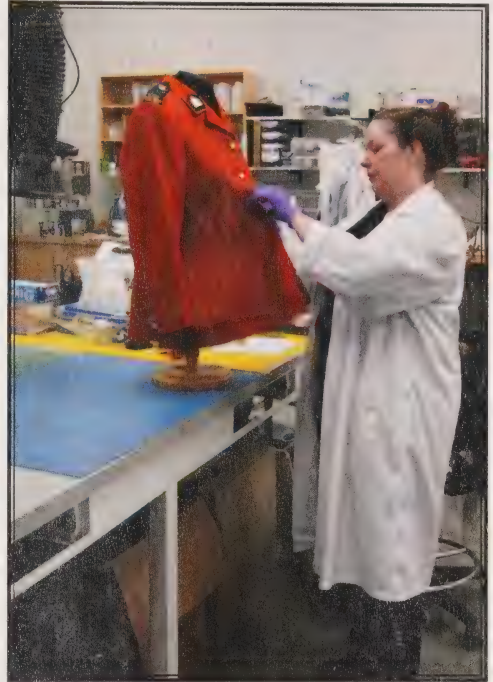
Peel's principals reinforced the historic tradition that "the police are the public and the public are the police." Perhaps, in this difficult moment, opening the ranks to women would help the Mounted Police become more inclusive.

Headquarters studied the question for the next four years.

But, once the final decision was made to allow female applicants, it was made quickly. As 292 women made their way to detachments across the country to apply to join the RCMP, some already stationed at those detachments were not yet aware of the new policy. There would be other bumps in the road as the RCMP wrestled with the question of including women amongst its ranks.

"Depot" Div. had been given six months to prepare for the arrival of Troop 17. A women's barracks was designated. Thought was even given, briefly, to fencing around the women's barracks as staff was uncertain how male recruits might react to the presence of the women. New training procedures were examined and developed. Concerns were expressed about women having the physical strength to meet the demands of the training. Drill staff worried about the troop marching with a "wobble." It may have come as something of a relief when Troop 17 proved not only able

to march nicely, but adapted this new skill more quickly than their bulky male counterparts. Their pumps didn't create the same distinctive stomping effect of the men's Strathcona boots, but Troop 17 was demonstrating a clear ability to adapt to the demands of Mounted Police training.



Shannon Cunningham, conservator at RCMP Historical Collections Unit, preparing Review Order Maternity Tunic for exhibition.

Footwear was not the only consideration for the RCMP as they discussed matters of uniform for new female members and the result of those considerations was possibly one of the most unusual kit issues made by the Mounted Police. The key advisor was the Executive Director of Fashion Canada. Fashion and femininity appear to have received as much, if not more, weight as serviceability in the field.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the female recruit's standard issue black purse. The initial plan for the women's uniform excluded the Sam Browne belt and in its place recommended both a Service Dress and a Review Order pattern handbag. Inside the Service Dress pattern compartments were designed to allow for a firearm, ammunition and handcuffs. To mediate the potential risk

that resulted, the handbag was to be secured by its strap through the member's uniform shoulder strap. Major Toole, the Advisor Women Personnel, questioned the rationale of the Service Dress purse and the decision not to issue Sam Browne belts to female members. Female personnel with the Canadian Military Police were already wearing Sam Browne belts. Why couldn't a similar issue be made to female RCMP members? A temporary Sam Browne belt was issued, subject to testing, and by the time of their graduation in 1975 the decision to accept the Sam Browne instead of the Service Dress purse had been made. Even with the Sam Browne, the female member's uniform remained distinctive from its male counterpart.

In 1990, 16 years after women were first admitted to the RCMP, the distinctive female uniform was dropped. From that time forward, women would wear the same uniform as their male colleagues. Today, the RCMP has only two distinctly "female" uniforms: the ceremonial dress pattern with its long skirt and maternity dress.

Questions of distinctive female dress aside, the accomplishments of our early Mounted Police women cannot be denied. They confronted the Force's masculine image head on and made significant strides in the advancement of equality for women. Most of all, they earned the public's respect as figures of civil authority.



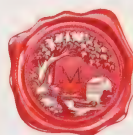
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Nancy Puttkemery – The Sky is the Limit

By Nancy Stratton-Desilets

FORTY YEARS AGO, THE RCMP made a giant leap and opened its doors to women in the Force. Like all change, there were both benefits and difficulties that affected the women pioneers who chose the RCMP as a career and lifestyle.

One of the standouts among the first women RCMP recruits was S/Cst. Nancy Puttkemery who used her career with the RCMP to combine her love for aviation and police work. She was the first woman to participate as a member of the RCMP in the “Air Services” Division. And, as with anytime someone is the “first” person to undertake anything, S/Cst. Puttkemery accomplishment came with great personal sacrifice. In fact, the Constable paid the ultimate sacrifice when, on Dec. 9, 1989, the RCMP plane she was piloting crashed in heavy fog and snow conditions, killing both S/Cst. Puttkemery and S/Cst. Vincent Timms.

Leading up to 1989, Nancy’s focus on her career led to a number of firsts. In the mid-1970s she had accepted a civilian member position with the RCMP as she awaited acceptance as a Regular Member of the Force. Nancy entered “Depot” as part of Troop 21 in 1975 as part of one of the first female troops to pass through the RCMP training centre.

S/Cst. Puttkemery spent time posted to rural Manitoba and at the Montreal Olympics, and always made time for extra schooling and some air time. By the early 1980s, she had not only started working on her Bachelor of Arts degree, including Classical Studies, History and French, but she had also earned her commercial flying licence.



S/Cst. Nancy Puttkemery was the RCMP’s first female pilot.

It turns out that, like her three brothers, flying was her passion and was the interest that would drive her career. Being a single female member of the RCMP also allowed her time to get more and more hours of flying time in so that when she applied in 1986 to the “Air” Division, she met the qualifications and converted her status

from a Regular Member to that of Special Constable in “K” Div. Air Services. Even if you only knew her briefly, it was not hard to see that her goals were in aviation and that she would do what it took to achieve those goals.

At that time, Inspector of Air Services (West), Jack Van Norman, remembers S/Cst. Puttkemery well. During her time with the Air Service, he was her Commanding Officer and spent a number of hours in the air with her in the captain’s seat. Van Norman’s commitment to her as a member didn’t end with her death. When circumstances kept both S/Cst. Puttkemery and her colleague S/Cst. Timms from being added on the cenotaph and honour roll for fallen members, Van Norman was there, campaigning for their inclusion. It wasn’t until 2007 that Van Norman and others, who had relentlessly pursued their inclusion, saw the positive outcome. In fact, Van Norman’s association with Nancy lasted 18 years past his time actually working with her and well into his own retirement.

Recently, Van Norman remembered S/Cst. Puttkemery, saying, “She was reserved, but she was also capable and ambitious. When she wasn’t flying she was studying for one

degree or another. She never stopped making use of everything available to her.”

This ambition drove Nancy Puttkemery to persevere and reverse any reservations people might have had about being the first woman to act as pilot with the RCMP. Within her first year with the “Air” Division, she not only certified as a Captain on the Cessna 182 and Single Otter, but was promoted to AC 02 by July 1987. Accepting a posting to Air Services (West) Relief Crew out of Edmonton allowed her to check out and qualify on DHC2 Beaver, Turbo Beaver and Twin Otter as well. These choices had her away from her base for months at a time.

Certifying in several types of aircraft simply reaffirmed her ability to adapt and focus. With a promising career ahead of her and a string of great career choices leading up to status within the Force, her loss seems all the greater. Nancy Puttkemery had figured it out. She had successfully combined her commitment to the RCMP and her passion for flying and aviation. For her, the sky was the limit.

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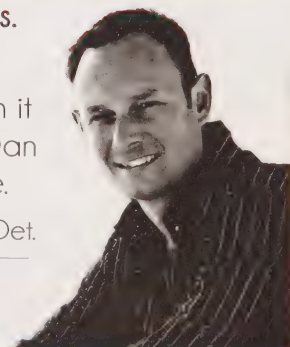
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Book Review

***The Red Wall: A Woman in the RCMP***

By Jane Hall

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Jane Hall served 21 years in the RCMP, all in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia retiring with the rank of corporal. The title of her book recounting her experiences in the Force suggests that it deals primarily with discrimination Hall met as a female in a male-dominated work environment. Certainly this is a theme which the author explores based on encounters during her career.

The author brings to her writing a strong identification with her place of origin, Wolfe Island, Ont. Islanders have a special place in Canada's social fabric, whether you come from Wolfe Island, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island or any other detached land mass, you feel different and special. This feeling of belonging

has stuck with Hall throughout her life. Whatever sense of unique identification with the Force which the RCMP sought to instill in her she remained somehow uniquely attached to her island home and resistant to conformity.

The stories that Hall relates in her book are a treasure trove of life in the Force and the duties entailed, which I have not seen in any other book dealing with this time period. She tells with the appropriate degree of excitement or lack thereof what was required of her in her day to day routine. Her assignments to investigate murders and rape reveal the brutality and banality of crimes committed by perpetrators. Interesting are her accounts of dealing with break and enter crimes, thefts and vehicular offences which sometimes raised her adrenalin with car and foot pursuits and confrontations. The author's description of office duties do not carry excitement with them but are necessary to understand how the bureaucracy of the RCMP functioned at that time.

And bureaucracy and its functioning provided a burning issue for Hall and her fellow female members. Hall was among the first of the females hired by the RCMP and placed in operational positions. There were many males within the Force who disapproved of women as police officers. The attitudes ranged from the place of women should be in the home to that females were physical and psychologically ill-equipped to deal with the rigours of police work.

Hall stood up to the many faces of discrimination in her work place. She dealt with NCO's displaying petty attitudes of superiority with the confidence and discretion of an islander. She did not back down challenging issues but she used discretion during standoffs when a constable cannot win. One case cited was that of an order from a corporal to change a tire on a damaged police car when policy called for a tow truck to be called. The incident was defused when a friendly male member arrived on the scene and insisted on changing the tire himself.

Unfortunately, negative experiences within the Force resulted in the resignations of too many females from the Force. In the first few years after graduation, 10 members of Hall's Troop 19 at "Depot" had resigned and she remembers several of them as among the brightest in the group. Tragically, one troop member was severely injured in a gunfight at Virden, Man., just six weeks after being assigned to the detachment. This female member struggled for years from the trauma of the event and in Hall's estimation did not receive the counselling she needed.

The dynamics of the absorption of females into the Force coincided with issues between members in the field and senior management. At the time cancellation of a pay raise because of government cutbacks caused blowback

from members who felt they were already insufficiently compensated for the cost of living in British Columbia. Then in the early 1990s came the introduction of a new promotion system, which placed much more emphasis on scores on examinations than of performance. Bitter public meetings with senior management ensued at which Hall was one of the vocal protesters. This turmoil fostered the growth of the unionization movement, which remains part of the RCMP today.

Hall left the RCMP in the late 1990s discouraged by issues within the Force as a bureaucracy but still believing in the members who performed their duties admirably.

Reviewed by Dr. William Beahen, RCMP Historian Emeritus



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Public Works to Manage RCMP Pension Plans

RCMCP MEMBERS, pensioners and survivors will soon benefit from access to specialists at the Government of Canada Pension Centre in Shediac, New Brunswick.

Starting on July 2, 2014, the administration of RCMP pension plans, along with the pensioner medical and dental insurance plans, will be managed by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC), which operates the Government of Canada Pension Centre.

Since 2003, those services have been provided by Morneau Shepell, a private sector company, which will continue to deliver insurance administration services for the RCMP Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plans.

Government of Canada Pension Centre experts have extensive knowledge of federal public sector pensions and pensioner benefits. The arrangement with PWGSC will also take advantage of new technologies, while providing long-term stability.

For active RCMP members, there will be no change to pension contributions as a result of the transition to PWGSC.

Similarly, for pensioners and survivors, there are no expected changes to the amount of the

monthly pension benefit. However, converting data from one system to another may result in small variances. The RCMP will be able to confirm those amounts after dry-run testing and will contact any affected plan members to explain any variance.

Need for Change

The decision to transfer pension administration services to PWGSC flowed from a detailed business case that was endorsed by senior RCMP management and the Staff Relations Representative (SRR) Program.

The business case examined two options:

1. The status quo, which would have seen the RCMP continue to outsource the administration of pension services to the private sector; or
2. Transfer to Public Works and Government Services Canada, which provides those services for public service pensioners.

A thorough examination of the respective pros and cons determined that a transfer to PWGSC would generate the best long-term return on investment.

In addition, once the systems are in place, the ongoing costs will be less than the budgets required to regularly re-tender the contract to the private sector.

Going with Public Works is also far less risky than having to migrate personal data between private sector suppliers every seven years.

The total five-year budget to complete the transfer to PWGSC is expected to be approximately \$118 million. Funding comes primarily from the RCMP Pension Plan. In the

rules governing the fund, it is stated clearly that any costs for administration must be paid for by the plan itself.

What's Next

If you're an RCMP pensioner or survivor, and you haven't already done so, you may wish to register for direct deposit of your monthly pension payment to take advantage of additional services available through PWGSC after July 2, 2014.

You can request a copy of the direct deposit form by contacting the RCMP Benefits Administration Centre at 1-800-661-7595, Monday to Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 6 pm p.m. ET or visit www.pbs-sra.ca.

If you're an active member of the RCMP planning to retire this year, you can help to ensure a seamless transition to the new pension administration solution by submitting discharge paperwork four months in advance of your retirement date.

In May, RCMP members, pensioners and survivors will receive more information about PWGSC pension administration services as well as contact details for the Government of Canada Pension Centre.

In the meantime, a series of Questions and Answers has been posted to the Family Corner section of the RCMP website: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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For The Trumpet Shall Sound: Rediscovering Our Regimental Roots

By Charles Armstrong

BUGLES AND TRUMPETS have been used in active service since the North-West Mounted Police was created in 1873.

In the early days, bugles were essential in the field as they provided the only means of effective communication during conflict. Each

troop or division would have its own bugler on duty at all times, and the Commanding Officer would also have a bugler. If a number of divisions were in the field at one time, the noise created by all these buglers sounding calls was creating confusion, according to the Drill Regulations from 1889.

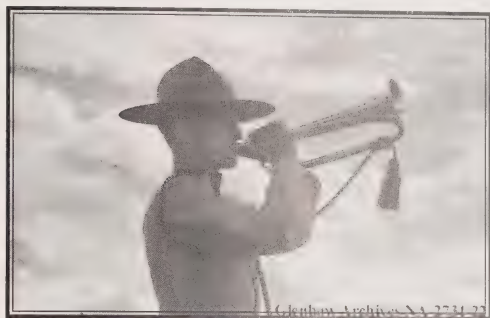
Daily routine was regulated by continuous bugle calls from sunrise to sunset in barracks and camps. “We did not need a watch at “Depot.” Our life was regulated by those calls and that was a good thing because at that time



NWMP with a B flat bugle.

we couldn't afford to buy a watch," recalled one retired member.

As a piper with the RCMP Pipe Band in Ottawa, I attend many RCMP parades, functions and events, and I cannot help but notice the almost complete lack of RCMP trumpeters or buglers. As I began to do some research, I realized that RCMP bugle traditions have been, for the most part, forgotten and if they aren't captured now this history could be lost forever.



RCMP sounding E flat cavalry trumpet.

RCMP Calls are Borrowed from the Military

The British Military was using trumpet and bugle calls long before the formation of the North-West Mounted Police. The military continues to use only two instruments to sound its calls - the "B flat bugle" (short and stubby), and the longer "E flat cavalry trumpet." These instruments are not interchangeable and calls are written specifically for one or the other.

The Royal Air Force book of calls is written for the cavalry trumpet. The Royal Navy and Royal Marines sound all their calls on the bugle. The Army, because of its diversity, uses both instruments with different branches using one or the other or both. Over the decades, the military has produced manuals of all its calls. The Army book most helpful for this project was *Trumpet and Bugle Sounds for All Branches of the Army* issued in 1886.

The Mounties Head West With Bugles

Many of the initial officers and enlisted men who joined the North-West Mounted Police came from the military and were familiar with the Army calls and instruments. The

North-West Mounted Police selected the bugle as its instrument for sounding calls.

The North-West Mounted Police published a book of more than 100 bugle calls titled *Bugle Sounds for the North-West Mounted Police* in 1882. The RCMP Heritage Centre has at least one original copy of this book. Some important facts with respect to this publication are as follows:

- It is identical in size and layout to the Army book of the same period.
- The entire section setting out the "Instructions for Training of Buglers" is taken word-for-word from the Army book.
- Every call except reveille (which is based on the Royal Navy Reveille) and the six troop calls can be traced specifically to a call in the Army book.

Although it appears the bugle tradition has been essential we are about to see a switch to the other military instrument - the cavalry trumpet.

Cavalry Trumpets Following the Boer War

During the Boer War, the North-West Mounted Police served in large numbers and filled many leadership positions with the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Lord Strathcona Horse. My theory is that when members returned to Canada after serving with regular British Cavalry, they decided to adopt the cavalry trumpet. The Cavalry, Hussars, Dragoons and Artillery all use the cavalry trumpet, and I suspect returning members felt the cavalry trumpet rather than the infantry bugle might be more appropriate. The move from the bugle to the cavalry trumpet may have suggested a desire to adopt more traditional cavalry calls. Any of the original 1882 bugle calls would require modification if they were to be played on the cavalry trumpet.

Between Ottawa and "Depot" I have located nine cavalry trumpets. Five of them are on display, three are in the collection at the RCMP Heritage Centre, and one is awaiting duties in the Cadet Band Room. I expect that there are others across Canada.

There is good documentation with respect to cavalry trumpets and trumpeters in service through the 1960s at “Depot.”

There is a clear recollection by retired members of “Cavalry Calls” versus “Infantry Bugle Calls” at “Depot” and “N” Div. The Cavalry Reveille (not the 1882 bugle call) was definitely used into the 1960s.

Confusion over what calls should be sounded is not new. In 1931 A/Commr. George Worsley claimed there was a lack of uniformity in the calls used by the trumpeters of the various divisions. He suggested they purchase the Army Book. He did not refer them back to the 1882 North-West Mounted Police bugle sounds.

A Look Ahead

As the need for calls across the country faded so too did the use of the cavalry trumpet. For the last 30 years, I suspect that if a call was required in any of the divisions it was probably sounded on a three valve trumpet as these instruments are readily available.

What instrument and what calls would be most appropriate for the RCMP to play today at a regimental funeral? Should the RCMP use the cavalry trumpet sounding the Cavalry Last Post or the bugle sounding the 1882 NWMP Last Post or the very similar Army Last Post? These are very different calls.

Although the E flat cavalry trumpets did vanish completely from active service, they have been clearly associated with the RCMP since its inception in 1920 and prior to that with the RNWMP. Decades of retired members heard and played ‘calls’ sounded on this instrument. To adopt this option, however, and bring this tradition back to life we would need more information on what ‘calls’ were played.

The cavalry trumpet has a very unique sound and I expect that many retired members would feel the cavalry trumpet is the appropriate instrument for the RCMP.

The B flat bugle used by the NWMP until the early 1900s and the unique 1882 book of Bugle Sounds may provide a simpler ending to this search. “Depot,” for about the last 25 years has been using the 1882 NWMP ‘calls’ and is sounding them on a B flat instrument although not the traditional bugle. For many the adoption once again of the bugle and the

1882 NWMP book of *Bugle Sounds* would be a fitting conclusion.

It is up to us to resolve the uncertainty between bugles and cavalry trumpets and ensure that the courage and determination of the early days of the Force continues to live on through its regimental calls.



Charles Armstrong at the Quebec City Military Tattoo in August 2013.

Photo by Quebec City Military Tattoo

Charles Armstrong is a piper and bugler with the RCMP Pipes and Drums, “A” Div., National Capital Region.



By Peter Nikic, Outreach Strategist, Strategic Partnerships & Heritage Branch

Canada will celebrate a milestone in 2017: the 150th anniversary of the coming into force of the British North America Act (now the Constitution Act, 1867) on July 1, 1867. Given the rich history of the RCMP, we have a tremendous opportunity to highlight our contributions to the history of Canada. The RCMP's Road to 2017 initiative will involve all of us from coast to coast as we work with our Government partners' agencies to enhance celebratory events commemorating some of Canada's major historical events. As we embark on the Road to 2017 journey, our first stop will be 1904 and the origins of the moniker—RCMP.

Permission to use the title "Royal" is a mark of Royal favour granted by the Sovereign. The title is very sparingly granted and strict standards are applied. In fact, the granting of the title "Royal" is not, and never has been, a right which can be claimed by a body fulfilling certain conditions. The title signified that the service of the organization so honoured had been of such an outstanding nature as to deserve the direct patronage and recognition of the Crown.

Prior to 1904, only one police force had received this distinction—the Royal Irish Constabulary, in 1867. The process of obtaining royal recognition for the Force had been raised in 1897 by Superintendent A.B. Perry, Officer-in-charge of the 24-man North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) detachment participating with the Canadian contingent in the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. On the day marking the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign, the NWMP squad had

the honour of providing a mounted escort for Prime Minister Wilfred Laurier and Lady Laurier in the Colonial Procession. Perry and his men were issued with cowboy hats (or Stetson hats as they were starting to be known as) and wore them as part of the uniform on such an official occasion. Indeed they made quite an impression on the British public.

The London Times wrote about the "striking appearance," and the press back in Canada told readers of the enthusiastic reception by the British. It was during this occasion that Perry suggested to Laurier the Force would be honoured to have the title "Royal" bestowed upon it. The recommendation to Her Majesty would have to come from the Canadian Government and Laurier would need to endorse such a request. For reasons ranging from internal conflict between NWMP Commissioner L.W. Herchmer and Supt. Perry, to issues of national unity, Laurier was not quick to move on the request.

In 1900, Supt. Perry succeeded Commissioner Herchmer. In 1901, Perry would again try to obtain the title of "Royal" for the Force, and took advantage of the opportunity provided by the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to Western Canada. Following the Royal couple's departure, Perry received a letter from the Duke's private secretary expressing His Highnesses' gratitude for the admirable way in which the Force had carried out its duties. Perry decided that it was a good time to approach the Prime Minister about the prefix "Royal." After writing to Comptroller Fred White in Ottawa

regarding the matter, he once again was told that it would not be supported by Laurier.

It appeared that Perry's desire to have the NWMP granted the "Royal" prefix failed and may never happen. However, Governor General Lord Minto would take matters into his own hands. Minto made several recommendations including, Thomas Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for knighthood, and that the King be asked to the title "Royal" to the North-West Mounted Police. As a side note, this action by the Governor General angered Laurier so much so, that the Prime Minister drafted a policy dictating that all Canadian nominees for honours must be approved by the Prime Minister before the list was sent to London. But the deed was already done.

In November 1903, Minto received a dispatch from the Colonial Office in London, informing him that His Majesty King Edward VII had acceded to his recommendations. Minto sent the dispatch to the Privy Council Office in Ottawa, in order that the award be made public officially in *The Canada Gazette*. After weeks of not seeing the announcement, Minto found out that Laurier had the announcement delayed. Months went by and many protests were made by Minto. Finally the announcement appeared as Minto intended on June 24, 1904.

G.O. 19630

June 29, 1904.

The following letter is published for general information:-

North West Mounted Police,
Office of the Comptroller,
Ottawa,
24th June, 1904.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Coronation Honours published today contain the following:-

"His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer the title of "Royal" upon the North West Mounted Police."

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant,
(Sgd) F. White,
Comptroller.

"It is RNWMP Now," proclaimed *The Calgary Herald* and other Western newspapers followed suit. Although the necessary legislative amendments were not made to the Mounted Police Act until 1906, the Force started to take on more and more icons indicating the "Royal" designation.

As for Lord Minto, who played a major role in obtaining the designation, he was appointed the Force's first Honorary Commissioner on December 23, 1904.

For a full account of the "Royal" designation being granted to the RCMP, please read the Quarterly's Spring 1991 article by Stan W. Horrall, 1904 And All That, pages 15-22.

BACK IN THE DAY



"He must be New on the Force, He Paid for his Lunch!"

Reprinted from the RCMP Quarterly Cartoon Supplement, 1950, page 5

RETIREMENT LIVING – Know the Benefits

How to Know if Retirement Living is Right for You?

Retirement living is a great option for seniors looking to combine the convenience of services such as housekeeping, dining and social activities while still living independently in your own suite. Levels of care can be personalized as needs change and are offered in the privacy of individual suites.

You'll also find a variety of amenities and special features in most residences that allow you to live in a safe, supportive and fun environment while continuing to enjoy your daily life engaged with friends, family and as part of the greater community.

Transitioning into a senior's residence requires both advance planning as well as an openness to change. Ultimately, the benefits of downsizing into the space you need, with the amenities, services and support you want, will be smoother if you follow a few simple steps before making a final decision.

Understand the Benefits

It is completely understandable to be reluctant to move into a smaller residence especially if you have lived in your house for decades and have memories connected to your home. However, moving to a retirement community can also relieve some stress related to scheduling transportation to appointments, worrying about meal preparation and reducing household chores, as well as offering a range of activities and social connections.

Being part of an active community also offers many benefits for your overall health and well-being. Retirement residences offer a range of physical, social and intellectual activities to help



you remain socially engaged. From interest clubs, excursions, dance classes and social events, there is always an array of programs and activities to choose from.

Do Your Research

This is important because there are so many different senior living options available, from

independent living to assisted living to enhanced support options like memory care, which are secure living units as well as programs used to promote conservation of memory. Location also makes a difference. Do you want to stay in the same neighbourhood or move closer to loved ones like adult children or grandchildren? It is a good idea to pick out several prospective locations and investigate what life is like for individuals already living there.

Some planning tips:

- Make a list of the retirement residences you are considering; ask friends, family or community contacts like doctors to suggest reputable retirement residences
- Visit a residence several times if you are serious
- Stay and have a meal; meet other residents and ask questions
- Attend an event or open house
- Arrange a guest stay to really see how it feels

Most importantly, take the time you need to explore your options and to find the right fit for you. At Chartwell, our professionally trained staff can help you navigate the decision-making process and help you decide on the best option. Visit our website at www.chartwell.com to learn more.

By Sharon Henderson, Vice President of Communication and Public Affairs, Chartwell Retirement Residences



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2013 Remembrance Day Sentry Program

Congratulations to Cst. Karl Delisle who was selected as the sentry for this year's Remembrance Day ceremony here in Ottawa. Every year, six Canadian Forces members and a member of the RCMP stand sentry at the National War Memorial as part of the official national Remembrance Day ceremony. The choice of the RCMP sentry is rotated among the divisions and this year, National Div. provided a candidate. The three-day program also included other activities, including the Chief of the Defence Staff-hosted Silver Cross Mother's Luncheon, as well as a visit to the Canadian War Museum, Parliament buildings, Rideau Hall and other sites within the city.



Cst. Karl Delisle was the sentry for the Remembrance Day ceremony in the nation's capital.

Created in 1998, the Remembrance Day Sentry Program recognizes outstanding regular and reserve force sailors, soldiers, airmen and air women of the Canadian Forces, as well as a member of the RCMP, for their dedication, professionalism and performance. Members are selected based on various factors, including experience, community involvement, physical fitness and deportment. The participants are chosen as an acknowledgement of their hard work and accomplishments. Cst. Delisle was selected because of his work performance, personal characteristics, and supervisor/peer input.

National Div. Receives Builder's Cup for GCWCC

On Dec. 10, 2013, National Div.'s Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) Committee attended the Campaign Achievement Celebration at National Headquarters. C/Supt. Ron Mostrey presented the Builder's Cup Award to the National Div. GCWCC Committee. The Builder's Cup is awarded to the team that has improved their campaign the most.

The National Div. team was selected because we overcame many obstacles and were still able to exceed our goal. Last year, we launched our campaign very late (at the end of October) while the GCWCC was launched at large in September. It was quite a challenge to pull resources together, create a committee, organize special events, train canvassers and implement action plans within a very short period of time. Nevertheless, we rose to the challenge and successfully concluded the campaign having raised a total of \$24,459.14, which surpassed our goal of \$24,000.

This year, the committee was proactive in launching the campaign and we had nine weeks



Some members of the National Div. GCWCC 2013 Team with the Builder's Cup Award. (L-R) First row: Jane Josov, Sandra DiGnagbo, Rolanda Lam and Amy Normandeau. Second row: C/Supt. Ron Mostrey, Cst. Tara Harrington, Harding Caswell, Cpl. Eric Demers, Alex Wood and Michelle Thibeault.

to raise funds. However, due to the recent re-organization and creation of National Div., the committee was faced with a new challenge requiring it to engage separate groups: National Div. (located in different buildings) and Ottawa Detachment/"O" Div. in the NCR. Our goal was to raise \$24,000 and we raised a total of \$27,373.40, exceeding expectations. With the help of our great canvassing team, employees donated \$5,297 more than last year.

This award is not solely awarded to the GCWCC Committee for its efforts but it is a token of appreciation and distinction to all categories of employees who work at National Div. and Ottawa Detachment/"O" Div. in the NCR! Every employee had an integral role in this campaign and we want to thank you for your continued support and donations. We have once again proven that together we can be a star in someone's life.

PMPD Employees Donate to Children's Aid Society's Holiday Gift Program

For the past few years (two years with the RCMP Musical Ride and the past three years with the Prime Minister's Protection Detail), Cst. Tara Harrington has organized our involvement with the Children's Aid Society

Holiday Gift Program. Last year we had an overwhelming response for just two families, so in an effort to share the wealth, we opted to sponsor four families this year in financial need during the holiday season through the Family Sponsorship Program.

As a donor, we were presented with profiles of families to give us a good idea of what their needs were, including the children's toy wish list, children's clothing and shoe size, any food allergies or restrictions family members may have, and their nearest supermarket for gift certificate purchases.

Employees donated over \$2,000 in cash, gift cards and gifts again this year! This worthy cause is quickly becoming an annual event that everyone looks forward to and gets everyone into the spirit of the holidays!

By Cst. Tara Harrington

PHSU Donates to the Ottawa Food Bank

During the weeks leading up to Christmas, the Parliament Hill Security Unit collected food items for the Ottawa Food Bank. In a short period of time, employees donated enough food items to fill an entire Tahoe! Thank you to all who contributed.



"B" Division

**Headquarters — St. John's,
Newfoundland and Labrador**

RCMP CO to Recognize when the "Second Man" was a Woman

The Second Man Award is being presented to 468 women across the country who were the wives of RCMP members working in one or two-man detachments from 1940s - 1970s. The presentation provides an opportunity to recognize their dedication and commitment to their spouses and the work of the RCMP. Each woman brings amazing stories of the priceless work they provided.

RCMP A/Commr. Tracy Hardy, Commanding Officer of the RCMP in Newfoundland and Labrador, honoured 22 Second Man recipients on Dec. 20, 2013 at RCMP Headquarters, in St. John's.

Out of the 22 women being honoured in Newfoundland and Labrador, 19 recipients or family members were present to accept the award in person. (Three ladies are deceased

and their family members accepted the award on their behalf.) Three could not make it to the ceremony.

The women were ultimately unpaid members who answered phones, searched female prisoners, and provided prisoner meals. They often used their homes as a hotel for visiting senior officers, court judges, doctors and nurses to whom they also provided meals and entertainment. All of this was done in very remote locations with inadequate housing and growing families of their own to which they had to tend. They provided these services out of loyalty to their husbands, who were stationed by the RCMP to various areas of the country, each location bringing their own unique challenges.

In October 2010, the previous RCMP Commr. William Elliott, approved the creation of recognition for the wives of RCMP members



RCMP CO A/Commr. Tracy Hardy honoured Second Man recipients of Newfoundland and Labrador on Dec. 20, 2013 at the RCMP Headquarters in St. John's.

who served from the 1900s to the 1970s, and whose contributions are chronicled in a book entitled, *When the Second Man was a Woman* by Ruth Lee-Knight. The RCMP Veterans' Association National Office in Ottawa was responsible for communicating with veterans across the country to solicit nominations with a deadline of Feb. 28, 2013.

Across Canada, 468 recipients were identified and each recipient has, or will, receive a brooch in the shape of the RCMP crest and a certificate of appreciation from the Commissioner.

Cst. Recognized for Work on Anti-Bullying

Carmanville RCMP member, Cst. André Sparkes, was invited to the Canadian Health Research Awards for 2013 in Ottawa on Dec. 2 to represent the RCMP's continued partnership with the WITS Program.

Four awards were given out to honour exceptional people for their remarkable contributions to health research. One of the awards, called the CIHR Partnership Award, was presented to the WITS Program National Partnerships. Dr. Bonnie Leadbeater, PH.D.,

a professor from the University of Victoria, and lead researcher for the program, accepted the award on behalf of those partnerships, which also include PREVNet, the Rock Solid Foundation, local RCMP Detachments and the RCMP's National Youth Officer Program. The awards were presented at Rideau Hall by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, the Governor General of Canada. Also in attendance and addressing the recipients was The Honourable Rona Ambrose, the Minister of Health.

Carmanville RCMP member, Cst. André Sparkes, was also invited to the presentation in Ottawa and helped represent the RCMP's continued partnership with the program. Cst. Sparkes has been involved since the fall of 2011, taking part in a pilot program and helping to launch it in both Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

The name of the program, WITS, is an acronym standing for Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help. The primary goal of is to create communities that are responsive to the prevention of peer victimization and bullying. The program has been launched in three schools so far in Newfoundland and Labrador



(L-R) First row: Dr. Alain Beaudet, CIHR President; Dr. Bonnie Leadbeater, recipient of the CIHR Partnership Award; His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston; the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health; Samuel Breau, RCMP Youth Policy Analyst. Second row: The rest of the WITS Program National Partnerships team - Cpl. Ajit Tiwana, formally of the RCMP's Youth Crime Prevention; Tina Daniels, researcher and associate professor in the Department of Psychology at Carleton University; Dr. David Smith, from the University of Ottawa and member of PREVNet and BRNET; Dorian Brown, of the Rock Solid Foundation; and Cst. André Sparkes, of the Carmanville RCMP Detachment.

and another school in the Carmanville area is expected to introduce WITS program to their students in the new year. Those interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to visit the website: www.witsprogram.ca.

Four Successful Search and Rescue Operations in Seven Days

The RCMP and Search and Rescue teams in Labrador successfully ran four operations over seven days in Postville, Hopedale, Makkovik and Rigolet.

Postville

The RCMP in Postville received a report of an overdue snowmobiler on Jan. 26 at approximately 9 am. A man from Sheshatshiu was travelling from Postville to Natuashish alone on Jan. 25 and had not arrived at his destination by night fall. The man was last seen outside Postville at approximately 4:30 pm. Ground Search & Rescue teams from Postville, Hopedale and Natuashish were mobilized and started searching. Due to the extreme weather conditions in the area they were unable to continue. At the time the weather conditions included heavy snowfall, high winds and white out conditions.

The Joint Rescue Control Centre (JRCC) and Fire and Emergency Services NL were contacted and a coordinated search was conducted at first light on Jan. 27. Ground Search & Rescue Teams (GSAR) from Makkovik, Postville and Natuashish joined the search along with Department of National Defence (DND) who utilized a Griffon Helicopter out of Goose Bay. Transport Canada provided a Dash 8 from Provincial Airlines for air support. The RCMP Twin Otter from Happy Valley - Goose Bay also joined the search.

The search progressed throughout Jan. 27 and at approximately 3 pm his komatik (sled) was located north of Hopedale. At approximately 4:20 pm the missing man was spotted by the air search crew in the Dash 8. He was standing next to his snowmobile north of Hopedale. GSAR traveled to the location and confirmed he was the missing person and was in good health. GSAR and the missing man traveled by snowmobile back to Hopedale.

Hopedale

The RCMP in Hopedale received a report of a missing 25-year-old man on Jan. 26 at approximately 11:30 pm. The man had left the community on foot that morning at 11 am hauling a sled. He was going to cut wood outside the community and had not returned that evening. GSAR from Hopedale was deployed but attempts to locate him were unsuccessful due to extreme weather in the area at the time and they had to postpone the search. At first light on Jan. 27, GSAR from Hopedale continued their search and at 8:45 am he was located just outside the community. He was brought to the Hopedale Medical Clinic where he was treated for severe frostbite.

Makkovik

RCMP in Makkovik received a call at 1:30 am on Jan. 27 reporting two overdue snowmobilers. The two men had left Makkovik to go to Postville at 9:45 pm on Jan. 26. They were both traveling on the same snowmobile. The weather in the area at the time included heavy snowfall, high winds and white out conditions. The Joint Rescue Control Centre (JRCC) and the Department of National Defence (DND) were notified and put on stand-by until the weather cleared. At 8:14 am on Jan. 27 the two men arrived at Postville on their own.

Rigolet

RCMP in Rigolet was advised by the GSAR Team leader on Jan. 22 that two men were overdue to arrive in Rigolet. They had left Goose Bay on Jan. 21 at approximately 9:15 am en route to Rigolet on snowmobiles. They had not planned to stay overnight and were expected to arrive in Rigolet sometime during the afternoon of Jan. 21. Weather at the time of their departure was sunny with moderate winds but as the day progressed, conditions deteriorated. The weather took a turn for the worst with high winds and blowing - drifting snow developing and persisting through the overnight.

Once the call was received by the RCMP in Rigolet they immediately called out GSAR and placed the Happy Valley - Goose Bay GSAR on stand-by. RCMP Air Services in Happy Valley Goose Bay (Twin Otter) were notified and

departed immediately to assist with the search. At 10:20 am the pilot advised that he had located the missing individuals approximately 35 kms north-northwest of Rigolet. They arrived in the community later that day.

These four successful searches would not have been possible without the combined efforts of many partners. The RCMP Labrador District would like to thank the following organizations: the Joint Rescue Control Centre, Department of National Defence, Fire & Emergency Services NL, Transport Canada, and Provincial Airlines, RCMP Postville, RCMP Natuashish, RCMP Hopedale, Makkovik, Labrador Air Services and numerous people in each of these communities who provided support for the families and the searchers.

A very special acknowledgment and thanks to the Ground Search & Rescue Crews from Hopedale, Makkovik, Natuashish and Postville for their efforts and unselfish dedication. These men brave the elements and put themselves at risk each and every time to search for lost/overdue persons. The weather has been inclement to say the least, -30 to -40°C in blinding snow conditions over the week during these incidents.

Memorial Hockey Tournament Brings Community Together

During the weekend of Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, RCMP members from across Labrador District came together to form a team to play in the annual Jeff and Bernard Webb memorial hockey tournament in Nain.

Cst. Jeff Webb was a member of the Force who served in both Nain and Goose Bay in Labrador. Cst. Webb grew up in Webb's Bay, which is located about 20 miles north of Nain. Cst. Webb died in 2004 and a hockey tournament has been held every year in his memory. The community loves to see the RCMP take part in this tournament and the arena was packed for the last game when the RCMP played the local dream team for the championship. The local team won and people were happy that the championship trophy stayed in Nain.



(L-R) First row: Cst. Jocelyn Noseworthy (Nain Detachment), Cst. Mark Blackmore (Goose Bay Detachment), Cst. Scott Allaby (Natuashish Detachment), Tyson Russell (Fisheries Officer). Second row: The RCMP team - Cst. Mark Ferguson (Natuashish Detachment), Cst. Mark Noseworthy (Nain Detachment), Cst. Lorenz Sanders (Sheshatshiu Detachment), Harvey Jacque (friend of the Force), Sgt. Sandy Goudie (Labrador District), Cst. Kenny Maher (Labrador District), Quinton Chubbs (friend of the Force).

RCMP Talk to Students about Internet Safety

RCMP members in Mary's Harbour went to St. Mary's All Grade School to talk about internet safety and cyber bullying on Nov. 22. The members gave two presentations to Grades 7 to 9, and 10 to 12 students. Cpl. Irven Nochask said, "The presentations went very well and we had lots of very positive feedback from staff and students. A few eyes were opened at the end of the day on the subjects." Members also gave the presentation at Bayside Academy in Port Hope Simpson on Oct. 28 to students in Grades 7 to 9, and 10 to 12.

Sheshatshiu Boy's Hockey Team Practices with RCMP

On Feb. 12, 2014 members of the RCMP Detachment in Sheshatshiu accepted a challenge to play the Sheshatshiu Boy's Ball Hockey Team at Sheshatshiu Innu School. The school team was practicing for upcoming regional and provincial competitions and was looking for outside competition. All members and students had a fun time. Apparently the score was too high to report on but the

members said, "Let's just say the boy's team won!"

RCMP Career Development and Resourcing Helps Street Youth

During the Christmas period, staff in RCMP Career Development and Resourcing, "B" Div. HQ sold tickets for a gift basket to employees, raising \$197, and coupled with \$733 by recycling brass from the Range, was able to donate \$930 to Choices for Youth.

On Dec. 18, Insp. Lori Lynn Colbourne, Officer i/c CDR, presented the cheque at HQ to Nancy Hollett and Amy Penney. The funds were used to provide at-risk youth with personal care items, warm clothing, skills development/education and emergency housing over the Christmas season.

Choices for Youth offers a variety of programs for youth aged 16-29. Through their seven core programs, they help over 600 youth each year, addressing the needs of street entrenched youth as they move from street life to more promising, healthy futures.

RCMP Spread Christmas Cheer

Members across Newfoundland and Labrador joined forces to make Christmas brighter for their communities. For the second consecutive year, through the generosity and support of the Canadian Toy Association, Thomson Terminals, RCMP and from all of the sponsors, donors and volunteers, "Toys for the North" brought smiles to the children who live in Canada's North where the expense and isolation often mean that they go without toys at Christmas time.

The RCMP, together with community volunteers, family and friends joined together in a makeshift Christmas workshop to wrap and box the 2,000 toys for their final destinations, which this year was all communities on Labrador's isolated North Coast, Cartwright, Black Tickle, Sheshatshiu and North West River, with any remaining toys to be given to Roland Shears Memorial Christmas Hamper Project.

Once all the toys were wrapped and packaged, the RCMP co-ordinated the delivery of the toys with the assistance of RCMP Air Services to transport to the isolated locations.

RCMP members in partnership with each community's organizations or councils took on the responsibility of ensuring the toys are given to each child before Christmas.

In Mary's Harbour, members and staff had the annual Children's Wish Foundation Christmas tree lighting. A brief history of the wish tree was read, children and the junior Canadian rangers sang Christmas carols then two children who were directly impacted by the Wish Foundation lit the tree.

Then the children in the crowd switched over the red lights to white lights indicating the amount of donations that were received. Every \$10 donation added a white light. Approximately \$1,200 was raised for the Children's Wish Foundation.

In Cartwright, RCMP members brought a lot of joy to children and adults when they donated hockey equipment to the community. Sgt. Pete McKay, of "B" Div. CROPS, took the initiative with the help of some elves in the St. Johns/Avalon area, collecting donations of hockey gear for Labrador. Over the past few months his team accumulated new and used hockey gear and then coordinated their transport to Labrador. The equipment was sent to Cartwright and they received it in early December, just in time for the opening of their new outdoor rink.

Cst. Edward Power said the turn out in the gym was fantastic. People were beyond words as the Cartwright RCMP watched parents and children try on hockey equipment and head straight to the new rink.

In New-Wes-Valley, RCMP organized a food drive, which was an overwhelming success. Cst. Todd Hussey aimed to fill a police vehicle outside a grocery store. Members ended up collecting enough food to fill the vehicle five times. The Salvation Army in Wesleyville distributed the food to local families.

Members from the Happy Valley - Goose Bay, RCMP Detachment, volunteered to assist with the CBC's annual Turkey Drive, which ensures that ever one who is in need has a turkey for Christmas dinner. Despite the -40°C weather, the drive was a huge success. Over 400 turkeys were donated along with \$2,500 in donations, setting an all-time best for the annual event.

In Port Saunders this year, Santa flew in on Sunday, Dec. 15 and had an RCMP escort to the Rufus Guinchard Health Center. Cst. Mark Topham, Cst. Carolyn Shaffner along with staff from the Rufus Guinchard Health Centre handed out gifts to the seniors in the long term care unit.

RCMP Members Make Christmas Dream Come True for Autistic Boy

Natalie Dalton contacted Helen Cleary-Escott in the RCMP Media Relations Unit in November and asked if we could help make her son's Christmas wish come true. Dalton's son, Aiden, is 9 years old and autistic. Dalton informed Escott that, "Children with autism often develop concentrated areas of interest. Right now, my little guy's area of interest is the RCMP. For the past two months or so, he has been dressing as a police officer every single day!"

For Christmas she had ordered some items for him from The Mountie Shop but wanted to know if the Media Relations Unit had other things like pens or notepads with RCMP written on it. She said, "Little things like that would really wow him!"

Escott called in some friends and decided to do more than present him with pens and notepads. Sgt. Barry Pitcher, Cpl. Dave Smith

and Helen Cleary – Escott surprised Aiden at his house on Dec. 18. They pulled into the driveway with the lights on the patrol car lit. Dalton welcomed them into their home and Aiden was given a RCMP Elmo, RCMP horse and rider Christmas ornament and a selection of pins and other items. They also left an RCMP Elmo for Aiden's little sister who was at school that day. Dalton and Aiden were thrilled with the visit and Dalton added, "This is the best Christmas gift ever!"

Baie Verte RCMP Garners 1st Place for Christmas Float

RCMP employees in Baie Verte were the proud first place winners in the community's annual Christmas parade. The theme for their float was "Community superhero." Cst. Chris Harris said, "We received a lot of positive feedback from community members and leaders about our float, which included Superman, Spiderman, Batman, Thor, The Hulk, Ironman, Safety Bear (with his superhero mask and cape) as well as the Grinch being pursued by a member in red serge." All members, public servants and family members put in many hours of volunteer work to construct the float. Harris adds, "It was quite a bit of fun and a nice reward to be given the first place recognition."



Sgt. Barry Pitcher, Cpl. Dave Smith, Natalie Dalton and Aiden Dalton.



"C" Division

Headquarters — Montreal, Quebec

Health Coaches a New "Force" within our Organization

Last Nov. 19, 20 and 21 a number of regular members as well as civilian members and public service employees had the opportunity to attend training provided by the Divisional Health and Fitness coordinator. This training was offered by the RCMP Fitness Program, in partnership with the Working Towards Wellness Initiative and the support of the Tactical Strength and Conditioning (TSAC), a division of the prestigious National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

It is no coincidence that the American Tactical Strength and Conditioning (TSAC) trainers chose to share the content and structure of their training with Luc Poirier to enable him and his team to provide this training to more than 55 potential fitness coordinators in Detachments across "C" Div. Luc Poirier, "C" Div. Health and Fitness coordinator, has been working in close collaboration with TSAC for many years. He also contributes to official communications and conferences on a regular basis. The RCMP will start using this platform in the near future to share some of the training tools developed here as well as our health and fitness best practices.

The Tactical Strength and Conditioning (TSAC) Program is an educational program designed specifically to optimize mission/job performance for tactical athletes (police officers, firefighters, military) and provide tools to training facilitators. This program also promotes the best practices of the industry through a combination of cutting-edge research, proven training methods and field experience, leading to reduced injury risks and increased strength, power, speed, agility, and aerobic and anaerobic fitness.



In November 2013, Regular Members, Civilian Members and Public Service employees participated in training to help optimize mission/job performance for tactical athletes and provide tools to training facilitators.

Police against Cancer Shave-O-Thon Raises Thousands

The 14th annual Police against Cancer Shave-O-Thon took place Feb. 7, 2014 at the Grande Place of Complexe Desjardins in Montreal. Some 120 police officers took on the challenge, including 13 members of the RCMP.

This event enables public safety officers to show their solidarity with those touched by cancer through a symbolic gesture: shaving their heads. It's also an opportunity for them to help save more lives by raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society to fund innovative research projects as well as support, prevention, and information services.

Through their dedication and involvement, Mike Duheme, Gaétan Courchesne, Yan Therrien, Isabelle Gaudreau, Mireille Sanchez, Luc Lamontagne, Maxime Paradis, Patrick Theriault, Rachel Roy, Cagri Yilmaz, Chris Smith, Shawn Firlotte and Francis Martin raised over \$21,000 in only a few weeks.

At the end of the event, the Canadian Cancer Society announced that a total of \$191,000 had been raised from all donors!

Congratulations to all participants and thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this year's campaign by making a donation.

About Police Against Cancer

Police Against Cancer started in 1994 when an Edmonton police officer heard about a young boy who had been left bald after going through chemotherapy treatments and was the brunt of ridicule and teasing from other children. To help the boy feel better about the way he looked the officer decided, with some of his colleagues, to get his head shaved. The response was such that since then thousands of police officers from all over Canada take part in this challenge to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.

In Quebec, "C" Div. played a leading role with two members of our Division initiating the first Shave-O-Thon on Sept. 11, 1998. Since that day, other law enforcement agencies are also getting involved. The honorary president for this year's campaign is Marc Parent, Chief of the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal.



C/Supt. Gaetan Courchesne, third from left, after being shaved.

The Pleasure of Giving

Last October, Sgt. Sylvain Poirier of the Canadian Air Carrier Protective Program (CACPP) left for a one-year peace mission in Haiti. Sgt. Poirier is very involved in the community where he works and, in an effort to meet certain needs of orphans in Haiti, he has taken the initiative of collecting from his colleagues at the CACPP games and toys they no longer wanted.

The many games and toys received in time for Christmas were donated to La Main Divine orphanage in Port-au-Prince, where 52 children aged one to 14 years have found a home.

The princess house, puzzles, musical instruments and books were very popular and brought joy and smiles to these kids who do not have much. Sgt. Poirier also gave them a bag full of soccer balls and shoes donated by a Montreal store. CACPP employees also gave money that will be used to buy a fridge for the orphanage.

During this special day, the children who usually only eat rice were treated to a delicious hot meal served by members.

Many members participating in the peace mission spend a few hours at the orphanage every Sunday to play with the children and bring them food and treats.

All these gestures mean a lot to the orphans. Sgt. Sylvain Poirier gratefully thanks all those who contributed to this fine and generous initiative!



Sgt. Sylvain Poirier hands out treats to children at the La Main Divine orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



"D" Division

Headquarters — Winnipeg, Manitoba

Members Honoured by Lifesaving Society

Three of "D" Div.'s finest were honoured for their bravery at the Lifesaving Society of Manitoba Awards ceremony on Feb. 6, 2013 at the residence of Manitoba's Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Philip S. Lee.

Cst. Fraser Potts saved the life of a possibly suicidal woman on May 10 after she drove her vehicle off the side of a bridge into the icy Fairford River in Gypsumville, Man. In the swift, strong current the car floated rapidly down the river. The water was very cold as there was still ice on the lakes. Cst. Potts ran towards the shore while his partner, Cst. Maynard, drove the police vehicle down to the shore to meet up with him and to radio for backup and a boat.

Cst. Potts yelled at the woman to get out of the car as it began to sink. The woman managed to get out of the car and Cst. Potts followed her, encouraging her to swim to shore. In spite of his partner warning him not to go in the water as the current was too strong and a boat was on its way, Cst. Potts removed his duty belt and waded up to his waist in the frigid water. The woman was unable to swim and Potts was attempting to show her how, but the current continued to sweep her away.

Using the training he had last used as a lifeguard four years ago, Potts swam out to the woman. This proved to be difficult as he was losing feeling in his limbs due to the icy cold water. Upon reaching the woman, he told her to lie still as he was worried she may try to fight him and make it impossible to rescue her. Cst. Potts was attempting to swim to shore with the woman when the boat that had been put into the water by Fairford band members arrived. By this time Cst. Potts and the woman had drifted two kilometers downstream from

the bridge. Cst. Maynard was in the boat along with the band members and they dragged both Potts and the woman into the boat.

The actions of Cst. Fraser Potts that day prevented a drowning. His knowledge and skill from his National Lifeguard Certification training were invaluable in saving a life.

The Lifesaving Society commended Cst. Fraser Potts for his actions and presented him with an M.G. Griffiths Award.



Cst. Fraser Potts, the Honourable Philip S. Lee and Chris Love, chairman of the board for the Lifesaving Society of Manitoba.

On April 27, Cst. Nicolas Yaxley and Cst. James Bjorklund assisted in the rescue of a father and his daughter after their truck became stranded in flood waters in Ste. Rose du Lac, Man. The pair climbed out onto the roof of the truck and when the daughter tried to swim for help, she was quickly swept away downstream, clinging to trees to keep from being carried away further.

A neighbour called 911 and Yaxley and Bjorklund arrived on scene with local fire fighters. Both members assisted the three fire fighters in rescuing both the daughter and the father.

The Lifesaving Society presented Lifesaving Society Rescue Commendation Awards to RCMP Cst. James Bjorklund and Cst. Nicolas Yaxley for putting their own lives at risk to save two people from drowning.

RCMP, Canadian Forces Bring out Their 'A' Game in Minor Hockey Fundraiser

It's not every day that you see the RCMP and the Canadian Forces clashing on a sheet of ice.

But that's exactly what happened at the Teulon-Rockwood Arena, Jan. 30, 2014, as the two sides hooked up for an exhibition hockey game to raise funds for the Teulon Minor Hockey Association.

Both sides also put on a real good show for the estimated 200 fans in attendance. The RCMP Horseman snapped a 2-2 tie late in the third period for an exciting 4-2 victory.

"It was a great crowd and there were a lot of young kids and minor hockey players there," said Darren Bond, Teulon Minor Hockey Association president. "It was great and I know both teams were really appreciative of the support that they received."

The talent level of the players was pretty good, too. In fact, many of the players that laced up their skates for the game were former Manitoba Junior Hockey League or Western Hockey League players.

"I think almost all of the guys played at the 'AAA' level and many of them played at the Junior 'A' level," Bond noted. "It was great hockey and very entertaining – it was a very fastpaced game - and there were several (players) that played in the Dub or the OHL."

Defenceman Dalyn Flatt, formerly of Teulon and presently stationed at Portage la Prairie's RCMP Detachment, suited up for the Horsemen along with Sgt. Rob Bell of Stonewall. Bell works out of the RCMP "D" Div. headquarters in Winnipeg.

Flatt grew up in Teulon and played minor hockey for the Teulon Tigers. He then spent three years with the Interlake Lightning Midget "AAA" team. Flatt was drafted 60th overall in

the 2001 Western Hockey League draft by the Saskatoon Blades. He also played Junior "A" for the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's Swan Valley Stampeders before moving up to play for the Blades and the Kootenay Ice from 2003-2006.



RCMP Cst. Dalyn Flatt, formerly of Teulon, played for the Horsemen at the Teulon minor hockey fundraising game at the end of January.

Photo by Lana Meier

In 2007, Flatt made the move east to play for the Ontario Hockey League's Owen Sound Attack and the Brampton Battalion.

After junior, Flatt headed back to his home province and played for the University of Manitoba Bisons before joining the RCMP.

Flatt was also drafted by the New York Rangers in the third round (77th overall) in the 2005 NHL draft.

Bond said the RCMP approached their minor hockey association to gauge their interest in hosting the game. The idea, said Bond, was to use the game as a fundraiser for Teulon minor hockey.

The Canadian Forces also used the exhibition game as a tune-up before they competed in a Prairie regional event last weekend in Cold Lake, Alta.

"We were very appreciative of them for supporting minor hockey in Teulon," Bond stressed, noting the game raised \$865. "We'll be using that money to help keep our registration rates low and for any equipment purchases that we need to do."

By Brian Bowman

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Members Participate in Roar of the Rings

Members of "D" Div. attended in Red Serge for the opening ceremonies of the Roar of the Rings curling event on Dec. 1, 2013 at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg. Cpl. Ray Faith saluted as Jayne Giesbrecht sang the national anthem. Jennifer Jones' team won the tournament and went on to compete at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.



Canadians Win Gold at 2014 Winter Olympics



Escorted by four Mounties in full dress, Canadian gold medalists Jennifer Jones and Dawn McEwen, along with the rest of their team, were greeted home in Winnipeg by jubilant fans.

The Winnipeg team is made up of skip Jennifer Jones, second Jill Officer, third Kaitlyn Lawes and lead Dawn McEwen, who we are

proud to say works at "D" Div. Headquarters. McEwen started curling when she was seven years old and has played lead in the Jennifer Jones rink since 2007.

On Feb. 20, 2014 the Canadian women's curling team won the gold medal at the Sochi Olympics, defeating Sweden 6-3. Not only did they claim the top prize, the rink went undefeated in Sochi.

Our congratulations to McEwen, her family and her teammates on this historic win.



The Canadian women's curling team's gold medal.

130 Take Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Manitoba



Churchill the Safety (Polar!) Bear, pictured with Dylan Wilson, attended in support of the event.

The second annual Polar Plunge took place on Feb. 8, 2014 at the Indian Métis Friendship Centre in Winnipeg. The Polar Plunge is one of many fundraising efforts of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Manitoba. This year, 130 people took the plunge and raised an impressive \$37,000.

Fun Challenge Supports United Way

On Dec. 12, 2013, "D" Div. Headquarters challenged its employees in a test of skill, wits and perseverance in a scavenger hunt.

Spearheaded by Jocelyn Braun, Kimberly Penziwol (both CDRS) and Barbara Canfield (Professional Standards), the hunt was in and around Headquarters and was designed to inspire both teamwork and competition.

"We thought it would be a fun activity that the whole building could participate in, regardless of their category of employee," said Braun. "And, it was for charity."

A total of 12 teams (of two to four people) signed up for the event which held 21 clues to scavenge for. The charity of choice, The United Way, received \$200 thanks to everyone's support.

At the end of the day, the first place winners were Holly Hodgson (Division CO's Office) and Myrna Maxwell (CROPS Office).

"We both had a blast," said Hodgson who attributed their win to creativity and athleticism. "We ran the entire hunt."

The Hodgson/Maxwell team won a pizza lunch. Second place winners took home a Tim Horton's Gift Card and the third place team won a basket of goodies.

"We would highly recommend this become an annual event for the United Way," said Hodgson.

Braun agreed.

"I would definitely do it again," she said. "The first year we got the momentum going and I hope for greater participation next time."

Ensuring Kids Have the Edge

For kids in the small community of Wabowden, Christmas came early in 2013. Thanks to the Wabowden RCMP and Pembina Source for Sports, the joy of skating was presented in the form of donated skates and hockey equipment.

Cpl. Kyle Bernier became aware of the wish for skating gear when he was approached by the Wabowden Town and Council inquiring if the RCMP had any programs or initiatives that would be available to them to make a request for skates.

"I took it upon myself to locate equipment for them," said Cpl. Bernier. "The most rewarding part of the project was to be able to provide the less fortunate youth of Wabowden the opportunity to enjoy a healthy form of recreation."

Filling a need for used skates and hockey equipment within the community, Pembina Source for Sports, located in Winnipeg, donated a large quantity of used equipment, including skates, goalie equipment, jerseys and socks. This donation will work to help children within the community have the opportunity to learn and enjoy skating and ice sports for years to come.



Detachment Commander Cpl. Kyle Bernier presents donated hockey equipment and skates to Wabowden Mayor Reginald Mead and Minor Hockey treasurer Bonnie Becker.

"Depot" Division Graduates



Troop 12 (2013-14) began training July 31, 2013 and graduated Jan. 27, 2014.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. S. Langlois, Insp. R. Thibault, Supt. G. Gourlay, A/Commr. L. Lafrance, S/M T. Patterson, Cpl. C. Little. First row: Cpl. K. De Wulf, S.L. Appenheimer, L.R. Beaton, A.T.H. Brooke, S.A.K. Chacon, A. Fedorova, Cpl. McLean-Cutler. Second row: S.L. Roy, D.W. Johnson, J.M. Taylor, M.R. Belliveau, R.W. Tobin, R. Anderson, A.D. Kabatoff, C.I. MacKinnon. Third row: G.G. Heathcote, F.G. Tarape, G.W. Ledoux, K. Theodosiou, R.D.D. Ferris, D.H. Kwak, B.N. Holmes.



Troop 13 (2013-14) began training Aug. 14, 2013 and graduated Feb. 10, 2014.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. P. Harris, Insp. R. Thibault, Insp. S. Pal, A/Commr. L. Lafrance, S/M T. Patterson, Cpl. E. Folk, Cpl. W. Jackson. First row: Cpl. S. Derkatch, J.M. Empey, T. Tsai, M.E.A. Yurkowski, A. Piitz, P.K. Tiwana, Q.X.Y. McConnell. Second row: K.F. Onofrychuk, J.A. Ransom, K.J.R. Beauvais Benoit, B.Q. Sigethy, D.T. Smith, A.S. Land, J.J.F.G. Gaudreau, M.A. MacIsaac. Third row: G.B. Lévesque, C.A. MacDonald, K.K. Singh, S.D. Van Den Ham, T.D. Fowler, G.R. Dumouchel, V. Nelidov.

"Depot" Division Graduates



Troop 14 (2013-14) began training Aug. 8, 2013 and graduated Feb. 24, 2014.

(L-R) Seated: Cst. L. Taylor, Cpl. R. Knecht, Insp. R. Thibault, Supt. G. Gourlay, A/Commr. L. Lafrance, S/M T. Patterson, Cpl. P. Hermann, Cpl. J. Mitchell. First row: C.L. Reinburg, J.M. Boyer, K.M. Shelby, YJ.D.R. Frenette, H. Lee, D. Skrepnik, K. Uppal, T.J.M. Douglas. Second row: S.A. De Thomas, C.J. Stewart, I.W. Szulhan, J.D. Vold, S.D. Fraser, T. Tran, R.K. Dhaliwal. Third row: J.C. Coleman, C.A. Goosen, G.S. Sandhu, V. Filatov, N.A. Sehn, S. Bishnoi.



Troop 15 (2013-14) began training Sept. 16, 2013 and graduated March 10, 2014.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. P. Cutler, Insp. B. Long, Insp. S. Pal, A/Commr. L. Lafrance, S/M T. Patterson, Cpl. E. Folk. First row: Cpl. K. Bamber, M.M. Bough, C.A. Knight, F.T.J. Anderson, S.A. Wood, K.A.L. Baker, S.M. Griffin, Cpl. J. Devoe. Second row: B.P. Lemery, M.W. Hill, M.J.M. Lamarche, Q.I. Choudhary, M.P. Haas, R.B. Chen, P.F. Parnes, M.M.M. Dupuis, M. Kim. Third row: C.M. Brown, S.G. Lafreniere, M.J.D. Peterse, M.J.R. Quimper, D.R. Freeman, K.A. Ross.

"Depot" Division Graduates



Troop 16 (2013-14) began training Sept. 30, 2013-09-30 and graduated March 24, 2014.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. M. Hiebert, Cpl. J. Ford, Cpl. P. Hermann, Insp. S. Pal, A/Commr. L. Lafrance, Insp. R. Thibault, Sgt. P. Gosselin, Cpl. J. Lafreniere. First row: M. Chamberland, J.P. Tymofichuk, E.C. Lynde, S.M. Gobin, G.E. Lanuza, M.D.J. Fifield, J.E.J. Van Buuren, E.A. Sutherland. Second row: L.M. Danelko, M.R. Muirhead, W.S. Blackmore, S.G. Plett, P.L. Krutop, D.R. Toombs, S.M. Roux. Third row: T.M. Simon, T.W. Sanderson, A.S. Jubbal, G.W. Grison, C. Mckerracher, B.D. Layman, K.R.P. Hammond, K.J.K. Chartrand

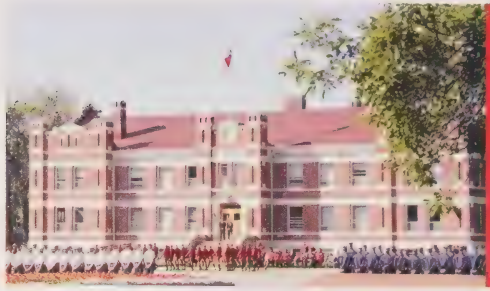
University Graduate



On Dec. 12, 2013, Sgt. Mark Whitworth, Reg. No. 44575, graduated with a Degree of Master of Science (Forensic Psychology and Criminal Investigation) with merit from The University of Liverpool, U.K. This programme included the study of leadership, judgment and decision-making in major incidents, criminal behaviour and analysis, offender profiling, sexual and deviant behaviour, and psychology of the courts. His dissertation topic was on deception detection. He is presently pursuing a PhD specializing in a similar field. Sgt. Whitworth is a Unit Commander with Island District Traffic Services, "E" Div.

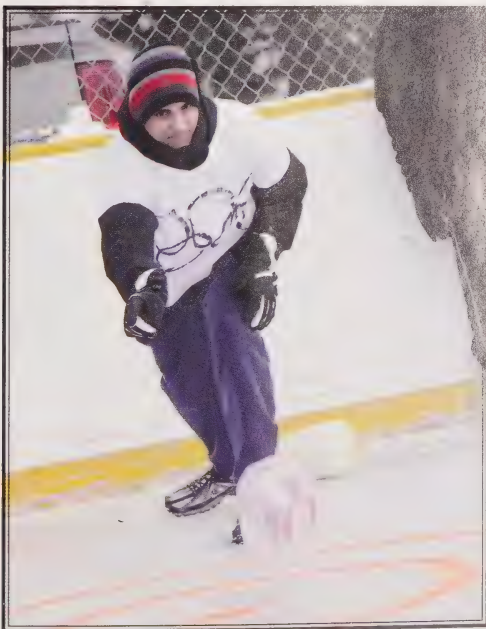
"Depot" Division

Headquarters — Regina,
Saskatchewan



"Depot" Olympic Games

On Jan. 31, 2014 "Depot" Div. conducted their annual Winter Olympics. The games were officially opened when longtime "Depot" PSE Ron Martin got things going by lighting the Olympic Flame. Although it was a frigid day temperature wise, the hearts of all were warmed by the spirit of competition and camaraderie amongst the troops and staff. The troops competed in several events such as biathlon, floor hockey, toboggan pull, milk jug curling and of course the toughest cadet. The evening ended with a steak dinner in the Division mess, followed by door prizes and the presentation of the medals to the winning competitors by the event host, A/Commr. Louise LaFrance.



Employees at "Depot" participate in the annual Winter Olympics.

Photo by Chrystal Kruszelnicki

Generous donations were made by the Stand Easy Lounge, Officers Mess, and Saskatchewan General Mess, that provided the door prizes for the cadets. To coordinate an event such as this took the cooperation from all units at "Depot" to make it a success. Flags needed to be made, meals prepared, posters created, snow hills built, and several volunteers ran the events to make sure things ran smoothly. The day showed a truly great working relationship between all ranks and categories of employees.

Healthy Workplace Initiative at "Depot" - Personal Health in the Pursuit of Professional Growth

In the fall of 2010, Insp. Joanne Keeping shared her vision for "Depot" Div.'s Healthy Workplace Initiative, and with the help of a few volunteers the committee was born.

Over the past three-and-a-half years the committee members have developed strategies to assist "Depot" Div. to foster a healthier workplace. The initial project was to build a website to hold resources and links to assist employees in gaining, improving or maintaining personal health.

Key activities and resources were divided into four areas: health, fitness, career, and family/social. When resources, events, opportunity or activities under any of these categories take place at "Depot," they are filtered through the Healthy Workplace Initiative. This way, the committee can answer questions and lead employees in the right direction.

Over that first year gaps were identified in staff health/wellness resources/services at work. It was discovered that job specifics and physical location can pose various barriers for the individual employee. A mess employee, for example, is serving meals when lunch hour fitness programs are taking place.

In situations where a gap was found in service for an individual unit, they were offered a customized needs assessment. Our team worked with management to discuss their needs, concerns and barriers. The committee interviewed unit members to determine their needs and reviewed their current work dynamics, physical location, scheduling and culture. Out of this assessment a "full meal deal" customized program was developed for the unit.

Many projects have been undertaken over the years, both large and small. "Depot" now has a fleet of bikes that are maintained onsite and can be used by any employee to commute through the Academy during the workday. There was the implementation of a "Tools Down" day, where staff received the opportunity to experience the roles of other units, such as administrators driving a track car, fitness instructors shooting in the simulators and tailors trying out the PARE test. It allowed staff to develop an appreciation for their colleagues work and the cadets training day. A highly successful lunch hour fitness program was run, affectionately nicknamed "Lactic Lunch" where staff of all fitness levels can work in a supportive environment and feel challenged and energized through an "out of the box" style training sessions.

Monthly brain health opportunities are offered too! "Lunch N Learn" seminars are held on a variety of topics, including healthy eating, recipe exchanges, living greener and managing stress.

In addition, we ran an anti-bullying initiative with a partnering elementary school was organized, developing displays and activities to embrace Earth Hour, offer seasonal fitness challenges and learn to run programs. Finally the committee partnered with "Depot's" sustainability initiative, allowing our division to become eco-efficient and green as we move into the future.

Last but not least, the health needs of our community are also on the committee's radar. Collecting funds and donation items for the Salvation Army have become an annual event, and we also help promote the "Depot" Royal Road Race, a community partnership initiative, each year.

We share a common stressor in today's world in that we are chronically pressured by time restraints, workload and work/life balance. As our Healthy Workplace Initiative Committee moves forward we remain vigilant of our underlying philosophy; that productive employees are those who are happy, healthy and feel they have their needs met. If we can have an impact on any of these areas, then our hard-working and dedicated committee members have done their job!

By Leslie Frei, Healthy Workplace Initiative Committee Chair

"Depot" Celebrates National Diversity Week Kick Off

"Depot" Div. joined the rest of the country in celebration of diversity! On Jan. 22, 2014, in addition to First Nation, Scottish, and Indian dancers, cadet Amrinder Jubbal spoke to cadets and staff about wearing a turban and his experience at "Depot." Cadet Jubbal wrapped his turban as "Depot" watched on - clearly in awe. His pit partner, cadet Gratchen Grison shared what he had learned about the Sikh faith since having cadet Jubbal as a troop mate. These two young men demonstrated to us all how truly easy it is to honour and respect yourself and others.

By S/M Tammy Patterson



Cadet Jubbal speaks with long time PSE employee and "Depot" carpenter Glenn Manz.

"E" Division

Headquarters — Vancouver,
British Columbia



Never Really "Off Duty"

An off duty police officer with the Nanaimo RCMP went above and beyond early one Saturday morning and is being credited for the quick arrest of an alleged violent break and enter suspect.

At approximately 5:30 am on Jan. 18, Cst. Mark Long was driving home after a night shift and was passing 'Sports Barbers' when he saw a male looking into the windows of the business. Thinking this was rather suspicious, he parked his car nearby, called the Nanaimo Detachment, and got out on foot to observe the male. Cst. Long's hunch paid off, when a few minutes later he observed the suspect break into the business through the front door. Minutes later, he observed the suspect come out, carrying a cardboard box.

Seeing the suspect jump into a nearby truck, the officer approached the driver's side of the vehicle and attempted to stop the man from leaving. It was at this point that the suspect brought out a can of bear spray and deployed it in the officer's face. Not to be deterred, Cst. Long struggled with the suspect and continued to try and gain control of the vehicle. The suspect managed to break free and took off out of the parking lot, screeching his tires as he went.

A responding officer arrived to observe the suspect fleeing, and with lights and sirens activated, began to follow the pick-up truck as it turned onto an adjacent road. The truck was observed driving over the rock meridian and head west bound in the east bound lane. The vehicle proceeded across the Island Highway where it was abandoned, with the suspect taking off on foot.

Police Dog Services (PDS) were called out, and after a 20-minute track they located the suspect hiding in some bushes. The suspect

attempted to flee again, but was quickly stopped by PDS Boomer. The 34 year old suspect was arrested and taken into custody. He now faces a number of charges including Break and Enter, Assault with a Weapon (bear spray), Flight from a Police Officer and Dangerous Operation of a motor vehicle.

Aside from suffering the non-permanent effects of being bear-sprayed, Cst. Mark Long was un-injured during this incident.

"The off duty officer's keen observation skills and training kicked in, and were instrumental in arresting this suspect," said Cst. Gary O'Brien of the Nanaimo RCMP. "Despite the risks to his personal safety, Cst. Long stepped up to do what the community expect from their police, and removed a suspected criminal from our streets."

Surrey RCMP Launches Online Crime Reporting

The Surrey RCMP now has an alternate way for citizens to report less serious offences with their new online crime reporting system.

Surrey detachment receives over 286,000 calls on its emergency and non-emergency lines each year. The ability for Surrey residents to report less serious crimes online will allow call takers and frontline staff to focus on the higher priority calls, which will improve overall safety and response times in the city.

While the system has been available on the Surrey RCMP's website since early January, the initial testing phase has been completed and the detachment is now ready to handle further reports from the community online.

Online crime reporting systems are being adopted by law enforcement and public safety organizations across North America, who have found it to be a practical alternative for lower priority calls. Surrey's new online reporting

tool also ties into the city's Crime Reduction Strategy, which aims, in part, to reduce crime and get more members of the public involved in reducing crime.

Surrey residents and business owners with a valid e-mail address can use the Surrey RCMP's online reporting tool to report a crime if the following criteria are met:

- The crime occurred in the City of Surrey.
- There is no suspect.
- The crime falls into one of these categories:
 - o You have lost something that costs less than \$5,000.
 - o An unknown person has stolen something from you that costs less than \$5,000.
 - o An unknown person has vandalized your property or your car.
 - o An unknown person has broken into your car.
 - o Your car has been in a hit and run accident where you have no information on the suspect.
 - o You have observed a traffic violation: erratic/unsafe driving, cellphone use while driving, excessive noise.

All other crimes require that a report be made by phone.

"No matter how small an offence might be – a broken window or something stolen from your car – we want to hear about it, as it helps our officers understand the scope of crimes that are occurring," said Surrey RCMP Officer in Charge, C/Supt. Bill Fordy. "We also understand that people are becoming increasingly mobile, and we want to make it easy for people to report crime."

Police Dog Locates Hypothermic Woman

Early on Jan. 28, 2014, a Police Service Dog tracked and located a missing woman suffering from medical conditions and in need of urgent medical care.

On Jan. 27, 2014 at 11:40 pm, the Prince George RCMP received a report of a missing woman that had left her residence and had not returned.

General Duty officers learned that the woman was suffering from a medical illness and could be in need of medical care. The officers enlisted the assistance of Police Service Dog Baron and his handler. At approximately 1 am, Baron successfully tracked the missing woman to a wooded area 20 metres from a trail in Ginter's Field. She had collapsed, was barely conscious and unable to speak or walk.

Officers carried the woman out of the trail to waiting paramedics. She was transported by the B.C. Ambulance Service to the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia for treatment. In addition to her on-going medical condition, it was learned that she was severely hypothermic at the time she was found.

"The dedication of our officers, including Baron, is second to none," said Insp. Brad Anderson, the officer in charge of Operations for the Prince George RCMP. "I am very proud of the work they do every day to help members of this community."

Local Officers Honoured by Crime Stoppers

The Prince George Crime Stopper Society has honoured local police officers as part of Crime Stopper Month activities. One police officer and a watch have made extra efforts to support the program over the last year and have been recognized by the local not-for-profit society. This year marks the second annual presentation of these awards.

Officer of the Year

Cst. Paul Starr, a General Duty member assigned to 'A' Watch, is the 2013 recipient of the Prince George Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year Award.

"Over the past year, Cst. Starr has demonstrated strong support for the Crime Stopper program as evident through his investigations," said Prince George Crime Stoppers president, Jack Hooper. "As an example, while following up on information received by Crime Stoppers, Cst. Starr enlisted the help of the Detachment's Crime Reduction Team which led to the execution of a search warrant and arrest of a man for Trafficking in a Controlled Substance. His attention to detail and willingness to go the extra distance is the reason for this positive outcome."

General Duty Watch of the Year

The work horses of any Detachment are the uniform members that respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In the RCMP these officers are known as General Duty officers. The Prince George General Duty Section is divided into four equal 'Watches', known simply as 'A' Watch, 'B' Watch, 'C' Watch and 'D' Watch.

For 2013, the Prince George Crime Stopper Society has awarded 'B' Watch, the General Duty Watch of the Year. Led by S/Sgt. Marc Pelletier, 'B' Watch officers investigating Crime Stopper TIPS have led to more arrests in 2013 than any other Watch. "Although only one Watch can receive the award, the continual support shown for the Crime Stoppers program by all Watches over the last year, is evident and appreciated," added Hooper.

"I want to congratulate both Cst. Starr and the entire 'B' Watch team," said Supt. Stubbs, Prince George Detachment Commander. "Their extra efforts investigating Crime Stopper TIPS have led to multiple arrests and seizures, and have contributed to making Prince George an even safer place to live. I would also like to thank Prince George Crime Stoppers for taking the time to recognize our hardworking officers. We look forward to continuing our great partnership with the Prince George Crime Stopper Society in 2014."

Two sentenced After Manslaughter Guilty Plea in 2011 Homicide

Two of the six accused in the 2011 homicide of Dain Phillips pleaded guilty to manslaughter at the end of January and were sentenced on Feb. 5, 2014.

On June 12, 2011, Dain Phillips was assaulted by several people using various weapons on McCurdy Road, near McKenzie Road in Kelowna, British Columbia. He later succumbed to his injuries and charges of Second Degree Murder were soon laid against seven individuals.

On Jan. 30, 2014, Robert Leonard Thomas and Norman Robert Cocks appeared before Associate Chief Justice Cullen in Vancouver Supreme Court to plea to the offence of Manslaughter. They were sentenced on Feb. 5, 2014.

"Investigations such as this are both challenging and time-consuming and I would like to acknowledge the diligence of our investigative team and our partners at CFSEU-BC," said Supt Nick Romanchuk, Officer in Charge of the Kelowna RCMP. "Although the matter remains before the Courts, I hope these guilty pleas will serve to bring some measure of closure to those who cared for Dain Phillips."

"It is a testament to the hard work of dedicated officers and the CFSEU-BC working closely with the Kelowna RCMP that helped result in two full-patch Hells Angels members being convicted and sentenced for manslaughter in British Columbia, for the first time," said C/Supt. Dan Malo, Chief Officer for the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia. "Previous investigations and convictions have made it clear that members of the Hells Angels are involved in drugs, weapons, and violence-related offences. Through a coordinated and unified effort, CFSEU-BC and its partner agencies will continue to disrupt organized crime groups like the Hells Angels and eliminate their continued threat to public safety."

The guilty pleas of Robert Thomas and Norman Cocks do not signify the end of this investigation. The trial for Robert Cocks, Daniel McRae, Matthew McRae, and Anson Schell began in the first week of February and remain ongoing at the Vancouver Law Courts.

RCMP Present Awards at Paralympic Races



From Jan. 10-14, 2014, the International Paralympic Committee's World Cup Races were held at Panorama Mountain Village near Invermere, B.C. Members from the Columbia Valley RCMP Detachment were asked to assist with presenting a number of awards at the ceremony. Cst. Danny Butler and Cst. Tim Harper from the Columbia Valley Detachment are seen here with a few of the Canadian Athletes and their awards. Well done team!!

Cst. Recognized as Community Police Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Cst. Nicolas Riemann for receiving this year's Silver Star Rotary Award for Police Officer of the Year for Vernon/North Okanagan Detachment. The award honors the achievements of the member, employee or volunteer who has made the most meaningful contributions to their community outside of their RCMP responsibilities.

Cst. Riemann, who began his career with the Force when he was posted to Vernon/North Okanagan Detachment in November 2009, embraced the many wonderful things Vernon had to offer by proudly representing the RCMP, mainly on his own time by attending numerous events in Red Serge, like the annual Canada Day Celebrations in Polson Park and the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Vernon Fire Department.

For the past five years, every November, Nick proudly marches alongside the veterans and shows his support for those that served our country to give us our freedom. He has also

attended elementary school assemblies during their Remembrance Day ceremonies. The only time Cst. Reimann was not sporting red is when he ran for Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run with his spouse and daughter in May 2011 and 2012.

He has led the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life for the past four years, leading cancer survivors and their families around the Polson Park oval every June. His overwhelming spirit and good nature also drew him to the Wendy's Dreamlift, in which he has participated for the last five years. Profits from sales at Wendy's restaurants are used to fly Sunshine Kids from BC for a day of adventure at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif.

Cst. Reimann has also volunteered for the last three years for the RCMP Jean Minguy Memorial Youth Academy, a week-long training camp for students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Behind his quiet, modest and easygoing personality is a warm, caring and dedicated individual who is always the first to volunteer.

We are very proud to call him a fellow RCMP officer and a friend. His unselfish dedication to his community, work and family is an example from which we can all learn.

By Sgt. Greg Dickie



Cst. Nicolas Riemann recognized as Community Police Officer of the Year.

Local Trio of Mounties Win Curling Bonspiel



Cpl. Dan Brennan, Cst. Duncan McGeorge and Cst. Andrea Folk along with their friend Heather Shivas competed in the Comox Valley Curling Club bonspiel in Courtenay, B.C., on Vancouver Island during the weekend of Jan. 18, 2014. There were 26 players from across British Columbia who came to play. The A Event winners of the bonspiel were (left to right) skip Dan Brennan, third Andrea Folk, second Duncan McGeorge and lead Heather Shivas.

Christmas Toy Mystery Solved

There were some extra smiles on Christmas morning for one Port Hardy family, following the return of a wayward sack of Christmas gifts!

After hearing that the Sayward RCMP were looking for the owner of a found bag of Christmas gifts, Tiffany Charlie wasted no time calling in to claim them. It seems that the bag of gifts fell out of a family member's pick-up truck during transport between Sayward and Port Hardy last weekend. Investigators went through the list of items with Tiffany, checking it twice, and were left with no doubt that that they were hers. For obvious reasons, Santa asked us to keep the list to ourselves.

With time running out to get these gifts back to the Charlie family, Cpl. Milo Ramsey made the trip from Sayward to Port Hardy. It was a great feeling to return these gifts, knowing that they brought happiness to some deserving children, said Cpl. Milo Ramsey, Detachment Commander for the Sayward RCMP. Sometimes it is the simplest of gestures that bring out the true spirit of the holidays.



Cpl. Milo Ramsey returns a lost sack of Christmas gifts to their owner in Port Hardy before Christmas.

Communities Give Back During Cram the Cruiser Events

This past holiday RCMP Detachments from across British Columbia looked to help their communities by staging 'Cram the Cruiser' events to help raise food for those in need.

In each event RCMP cruisers were provided with the goal of filling them with food to donate to local charities, and in each instance the members taking part were amazed by the generosity of their towns.

"We did very well, better than expected for a first annual event. We managed to raise 1,260 lbs of donated items, mainly non-perishable food, and nearly \$2,000 in cash and cheques for the Lake Country Food Assistance Society," said Cst. Jesse O'Donaghey of the Lake Country RCMP.

This sentiment was echoed in the small community of Houston where the Detachment aimed to fill one vehicle. After the trunk and interior were filled in just 90 minutes with food, another cruiser had to be brought in. After filling a Tahoe the donations kept coming and a Suburban was also crammed full by the end of the day. In addition to the food, a total of \$1,426 was collected in cash and gift certificates for the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper food drive.

"The overwhelming support of the residents, businesses and organizations of this small town proved... that they have really big hearts," said Sgt. Stephen Rose, the Detachment Commander for the Houston/Granisle Detachment.

In the case of Lake Country Detachment, the idea to host the event came from Cst. O'Donaghey who had served at another detachment with a similar initiative.

"The holiday season tends to be harder on some families, and certainly harder on the food banks so it really makes a difference when you can provide that much needed boost when it matters most," said Cst. O'Donaghey.

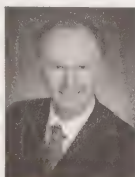
Four-Year-Old Mountie Helps Serve Lunch to Seniors



On Dec. 18, 2013, RCMP officers from the Vernon Detachment attended the Schubert Center to serve lunch to the seniors. The young man who stole the show was four-year-old Mitchell who attended with his mom Cst. Kerri Parish. I am not sure who enjoyed their time more that day, the seniors or the six officers and their four-year-old helper. This was a wonderful Christmas event for all.

By Gordon Molendyk

Relocation To or Within "H" Division -- especially the Halifax area?



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"F" Division

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"F" Div. Welcomes New Commanding Officer

On Nov. 6, 2013, A/Commr. Brenda Butterworth-Carr became the first aboriginal woman to lead an RCMP Division. She came to Saskatchewan from British Columbia in 2012 as the new "F" Div. CROPS officer.

Assembly of First Nations Chief Atleo described how significant A/Commr. Butterworth-Carr's new role is: "With the first aboriginal woman to accomplish this level of leadership tells the young people, and especially the girls that anything is absolutely possible if you set your mind and your heart to it."



A/Commr. Brenda Butterworth-Carr (C/Supt at the time of the photo) with Commr. Bob Paulson, and A/Commr. Russ Mirasty at the "F" Div. Change of Command ceremony on Nov. 6, 2013.

Photo by C. Ross, Depot LTCS

A/Commr. Butterworth-Carr took over the position of Commanding Officer from A/Commr. Russ Mirasty, the first aboriginal person to have held the Commanding Officer position in Canada. A/Commr. Butterworth-Carr presented A/Commr. Mirasty with the gift of an eagle feather, "For me Russ epitomizes

what leadership is and I'm very fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from him."

Commr. Paulson joined the celebration and presided over the signing of the parchment and the presentation of the divisional ensign from the outgoing Commanding Officer A/Commr. Mirasty to the new Commanding Officer A/Commr. Butterworth-Carr.

101st Grey Cup

Regina hosted the 101st Grey Cup this past November 2013 and the RCMP had a strong presence at the celebrations. Congratulations to the Riders on their win! Thanks to all the RCMP members and employees who worked, volunteered and showed their Rider pride. Here are some highlights:



Cst. Michelle Bourque and Cst. Anthony Setlack on the field during the opening ceremonies of the Grey Cup.



Some green beneath the red serge...

Rider Pride Beyond our Borders



Saskatchewan pride in "V" Div. for the 2013 Grey Cup!

North Battleford an "Open Book" in Daily Reports to Public

North Battleford Detachment has been sending out daily reports to the media since the last week of October. The report provides updates on the various occurrences members responded to, including misdials and nuisance calls.

North Battleford Detachment had community meetings on various topics over the late summer and early fall of 2013. One

recurring criticism from the community and the media was the perception of a lack of transparency with the detachment. It was a fair criticism that the detachment felt important to take steps to address.

"Initially we committed to ensure more communication through the media for incoming priority matters would be undertaken, and this was implemented by the end of September of this year. We also had discussion with our "F" Div. media relations

office in Regina on other strategies that could be undertaken to better communicate with the community as a whole. It was from those discussions that the planning for some type of daily reporting system came about," said Sgt. Neil Tremblay.

After some brief discussions with the local media it was determined that the system of daily reporting now in place would be the best format. "It provides the public with accurate and timely information on matters in the community and gives them a better picture of what we are doing day to day."

"One of the most positive outcomes I've seen is the decreased sense of concern or even misplaced panic that at times exists with the public. North Battleford is a very high crime area; this has not changed. However, in the absence of information from the police, there seemed to be a prevalence of rumour and innuendo which was allowed to grow and spread throughout the community. Now, people know that if something really did happen, we would have, and are, reporting on it, and those often fantastic rumours circulating in the community and through social media have largely disappeared."

"The detachment has also received a lot of praise from not only the local media, but the general public as well. There is a better understanding of what we are doing and how busy it often is. There's better appreciation of the work being done at the detachment," said Sgt. Tremblay.

Fifteen-year-old Saves Family from Fire in Hatchet Lake

On Oct. 24, 2013, 15-year-old Garrin Joseyounen saw a shed on fire next to a woman's home in Hatchet Lake. Garrin acted quickly and woke the sleeping residents. His fast thinking and courage are a great example of what the people of Hatchet Lake can be proud of. Garrin prevented a situation that easily could have been a tragedy for the community. He was presented with a certificate on Dec. 4 at the band meeting in front of 120 band members, Chief and Council.

Impaired Driving Initiative Engages Public



On Dec. 7, 2013, Milestone RCMP, in partnership with Highway Transport Patrol, conducted a traffic check stop on Highway #6, near Corinne where we live tweeted and posted photos on our @RCMPSK and @GRCSask Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Media across the province covered the impaired driving initiative with highlights on CTV, CJME, Global, The Leader Post, and beyond. Supt. Kevin Jones appeared on CTV Morning Live to discuss the success of the initiative and the outstanding work done by members across Saskatchewan.

Deschambault RCMP Find Overdue Travelers in -40C

Cst. Michael Staples of Deschambault Lake RCMP received a complaint around midnight on Jan. 4, 2014 of overdue travelers. Four males, all in their thirties, went ice fishing in the Deschambault Lake area and were overdue to return. Cst. Staples and Cst. Ron Clark obtained the details from the family and did patrols of the highways and stopped at all the resorts in the area to search for them. They worked with members in Smeaton and Nipawin, who did patrols in their area as well.

Cst. Staples and Cst. Clark searched until approximately 7 a.m. when Cst. Daniel Vanderlinden and Sgt. Dion Eddy came on day shift and met with one of the missing person's father. Together all three left from Bloomsfield's Resort, a fishing and hunting resort, on snowmobile and searched the lake.

"I used some of the search and rescue expertise I have gained through the years,"

said Sgt. Eddy. The four males were located approximately 6.5 kms from entry onto the ice near Bloomsfield's Resort and searchers and the four males returned to shore at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The truck was stuck due to snow and ice and they had run out of propane and their truck had run out of gas. The four males had stayed with the vehicle throughout the night, but were about to start walking in -40C with wind. All four were healthy and relieved to have been found and returned to awaiting family members.

Leader & Swift Current City Detachments Fundraise for Children's Hospital

Members of South West Detachments Leader and Swift Current City were seen taking money out of their pockets to give to a man dressed in a Flash costume! That is right, a Flash costume. The man wearing the costume is Jamie McDonald from the UK. He is running across Canada raising money for Children's Hospitals.

Leader and Swift Current City Detachment members donated \$485 to Jamie and all of the money raised will be going to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan. Leader started to raise money and challenged other detachments to raise money as well.

Cst. Manuel Borges answered the call and Swift Current City was on board. Cst. Borges met with Jamie McDonald and presented him with the money and an RCMP long sleeve shirt. Then McDonald had a first class police escort to his hotel. He attended the Swift Current Detachment and was very thankful to members. McDonald left Swift Current November 26, 2013 to his final destination of Vancouver and the Pacific Ocean.

La Ronge RCMP Steps up to Food Bank Challenge

La Ronge Detachment held their third annual Food Bank Challenge from Nov. 12 - Dec. 12, 2013. This year's challenge was issued to the local Corrections and Public Safety Staff were asked to bring in donations of food and/or cash to donate to the Lac La Ronge Food Bank. This year a points system was used to

determine the winner. Points were awarded for the weight of the food, as well as points for every item that was on the Lac La Ronge Food Bank's Top 10 list (e.g., canned meat and fish, soup, juice, baby formula).

It was a close race, with shopping and collecting being done in the 11th hour. La Ronge Detachment came in with a total of 800 lbs of food and 1,434 points. Corrections snuck in for the win with a total of 808 lbs of food and 1,659 total points. As agreed, the losing team had to load up the food at both work places. So staff and members from La Ronge Detachment loaded up all 1,608 lbs of food and took it to the Food Bank, where they were assisted by members of the community, who happened to be walking by, to unload the food. (It was -30 that day so the extra help was greatly appreciated). The Lac La Ronge Food Bank was ecstatic with the amount of food being donated. Based on their calculation, the food fed at least 160 families during the holiday season.



Jennifer Weatherbee (Corrections), Cst. Renee Breckner, DSA Melissa Ready, Tyler Goertzen (Corrections.)

"G" Division

Headquarters — Yellowknife,
Northwest Territories



One Woman's Career in the North

My career as a female officer in the RCMP started in the North. It began in Inuvik, N.W.T., in March 2010, when I moved to the remote, isolated community at the age of 22 as a constable straight out of "Depot." It was something-I had never experienced before, having grown up in Sherwood Park, Alta., just outside of Edmonton.

I stepped off the plane in late February and everyone, including the RCMP members, was wearing fur and parkas. Policing a small town has its advantages and challenges. In the small towns I was able to get to know the community in a way I had never done before. I helped coach boys hockey and was able to start an all-female hockey program in Inuvik with a female teacher.

Once I joined the Relief Team in April 2012, I was able to travel the Northwest Territories and be a part of a number of different communities, learning the traditions and values of the Inuit people and the Dene. The Relief Team is a Unit that covers vacancies in detachments throughout the Northwest Territories. Usually it is a 30-day stint covering a member's vacation in a two-person detachment. You are based out of a bigger center and sent to the communities that need support. I worked in 10 different detachments throughout the year and a half I was on the Relief Team.

I was also invited to feasts and community events, such as hand games. I was able to try some of their traditional foods, such as muskox, seal, caribou, bannock, and arctic char. The whole community was very welcoming.

In Ulukhaktok, I taught Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) to children in Grades 4 through 9. The RCMP helped with the Grade 4 and 5 trapping program, and were

able to use traditional sleds to check a trap line for animals – primarily fox. As you walked through the community of 500, everyone would be waving and children coming up and hugging you.

Working in small two-person posts you are working very closely with your partner as it is just you two in the community. On a policing standpoint this gives members the opportunity to run big files without the support of a section and/or supervisor who is in the community. While working in Tulita, I had a young female go missing and found her clothes by the shore of the Mackenzie River. As there were only two members in the community, we had to set up a search plan with the community and pull multiple resources to locate the young girl. Her body was located many days later. However, the feedback from the community was that it brought everyone together and created a stronger bond with the RCMP.

In many of the communities we would go ice fishing with the locals as well as the military on the land, usually taking the snowmobiles and snow shoes and the locals would show us the best spots to fish. The north has a strong appreciation for their elders and if we did catch any fish we would usually deliver it to the elders, who were very appreciative.

With only two-and-a-half years of service under my belt, I was given the opportunity to be a Detachment Commander in August 2012 in Tulita, N.W.T., as well as the Relief Unit Commander on a number of occasions, which had its own set of responsibilities and challenges. I was able to see a little bit of the administrative side to the RCMP and what it really takes to run an entire detachment and unit.

While in the most northern detachment, I finally saw a live polar bear from about 100



Cst. Amanda Lowe with a sled dog team in Inuvik, N.W.T., in February 2012.

meters away. The wildlife and scenery in the Northwest Territories is breathtaking and cannot be described in words. However, the 24-hour darkness and -40 degree weather is also challenging.

All the experiences of the North cannot be put into one story and must be lived once in one's lifetime.

By Cst. Amanda Lowe

Civilian Honoured for Heroism After 50 Long Years

Fifty three years ago, Cst. Garth Hampson was on a winter patrol by dog team from his detachment at Reliance to the tiny community of Snowdrift, now Lutselk'e, located an hour's flight south of Yellowknife. He had spent the Christmas/New Year's period working in the community. Early New Year's Day he was wakened by the shout of "Fire, Fire" by children outside his patrol cabin. He rushed out to find a nearby tent residence totally engulfed in flames.

Cst. Hampson and local residents attempted to put the fire out but the small building was a total loss. He then learned that a nine-year-old girl had saved four children from the fire. She had been babysitting when the stove tipped over. Cst. Hampson sent his report in to the Dominion Fire Commissioner and heard nothing more.



C/Supt. Wade Blake, CO of "G" Div., with Celine Marlowe, who received a Commissioner's Commendation on Jan. 12, 2014.

In 2011, S/Sgt. Garth Hampson (Rtd.) and his son decided to journey back to his detachment at Reliance that he had closed all those years before. While showing pictures on the beach of those long ago days, his son asked if anyone knew of the young girl who had saved the four children from the fire on New Year's Day. They were amazed to see that it was a lady standing next to him, Celine (Natoway) Marlowe. A few seconds later a man came up and he turned out to be the eight-month old

child that she had to go back in to the house to save.

This was too much of a coincidence to go unrecognized, and when Hampson returned to Ottawa he made enquiries about honoring Celine for her act of bravery. He was thrilled when his proposal, made through C/Supt. Ron Mostrey, was approved by Commr. Bob Paulson in Sept. 2013. The award presentation was set for Jan. 12 in the Community Hall in Celine's home settlement of Lutselk'e. Hampson was privileged to be in attendance with an official party from "G" Div. On a very cold day with the temperature of -52 degrees Celsius, the entire community showed up to see one of their own honored by the RCMP. For Hampson, after all the years, it meant the final chapter of an incident of long ago, but it has left a legacy of good will that will last for decades.

There was a feast with Elders and leaders of the Dene community present as well as all the school children where Celine Marlowe had been a teacher for over 30 years. Celine is the first civilian in the Northwest Territories to receive the Commissioner's Commendation. One wonders how many of us could say that they had a teacher who was a hero in the community. The children of Lutselk'e have that honor.

Getting To Know the Locals in Sachs Harbour

On Dec. 30, 2013, I traveled away from my home posting of Inuvik, N.W.T., to complete three weeks of relief work in Sachs Harbour. Sachs Harbour is a hamlet located on the southern coast of Banks Island in the Beaufort Sea, approximately 500 kilometres north of Inuvik. This is an opportunity I had always hoped would come around because I wanted to experience the life of a very small northern community.

I was always aware Banks Island was known for hunting and trapping as a wide range of wildlife call the place home. This includes polar bears, muskoxen and arctic wolves, just to name a few. I come from downtown Vancouver, so hunting was never something that interested me until I was posted to the north. I knew the chance of coming back to Sachs Harbour in the future was slim and so I needed to take the

time to really get to know the community and the people that live there. This not only benefits me, but the people in the community and the RCMP.

I was quickly introduced to Trevor Lucas who makes his living as a local hunter and guide in Sachs Harbour. Most days, he would spend on the land either hunting polar bears, muskoxen or anything he came across. On Jan. 2, 2014, he invited me to come along muskox hunting. Of course I jumped at the opportunity and soon found myself following the dim light of Lucas' snowmobile into the cold, frozen landscape.

We left town in the late morning, it was still dark and I could barely see anything through the fur of my parka. The sun does not rise on Banks Island from November until February. With the temperatures dipping well below minus 50 degrees Celsius, I knew I was in for a long day.



Cst. Connor Robertson who went hunting for muskoxen in Blue Fox Bay.

Our destination was Blue Fox Bay, 25 kilometers north of town. Lucas said he saw muskoxen in the area the past few days and was confident they would still be there. Along the way he would stop his snowmobile, light up a smoke and canvas the area with his binoculars. As the day wore on, the sky was getting mildly brighter as this time of the year the sun crests just below the horizon for a few hours.

Lucas stopped his snowmobile and pointed off in the distance and said he could see a single

bull muskox. He then set off towards it and of course it wasn't for some time until I could finally see it in the distance. As we approached it, Lucas stopped and said he was going to leave it alone. Bull males are much more difficult to handle and the meat isn't as good as a cow. Lucas was sure the rest of the herd was not far away.

After what seemed like only minutes, we came upon a herd of eight muskoxen. Lucas then quickly retrieved his rifle and dispatched two in a humane fashion. He was able to quickly snap a picture of myself with a muskox before my camera completely shut down from the freezing cold. We were in the middle of nowhere and here I was helping this local hunter skin and quarter two muskoxen. Lucas and I worked on the animals while Lucas spoke of past stories about other hunting excursions and growing up in Sachs Harbour. Once both muskoxen had been harvested to Lucas' satisfaction, we set off back for town where we didn't return until the early evening.

Lucas uses muskox meat to feed the local community. He also sells the hide to manufacturers down south where they use the qiviut (soft underlying hair) to make scarves and other fashionable items. I am amazed that Lucas does this day in and day out in a frozen landscape, and I am very grateful that I was able to get a glimpse into his daily life. This was an amazing experience that I will add to the many I have had and will continue to have during my time in the north.

By Cst. Connor Robertson

Son Presents Mother with RCMP Second Man Award

Cpl. Ryan Snodgrass, currently posted to Norman Wells, "G" Div., was chatting with his mother, Dorothy Snodgrass, over the phone in August 2013. She told him that she was being recognized as a Second Man for the time that she and Ryan's father, retired S/Sgt. Gerry Snodgrass, lived in Norman Wells, N.W.T., in 1973. At that time, Gerry was a corporal and was the first permanent member posted to Norman Wells.

As Dorothy and Gerry currently reside in Saskatchewan, they were asked to attend an official ceremony in Regina so she could be

recognized. Unfortunately, the date of the ceremony was the same date that Dorothy and Gerry would be visiting Ryan in Norman Wells.

Cpl. Snodgrass then had the idea to contact the S/S/M who had been in contact with Dorothy in "F" Div. with a request to have the award sent up to Norman Wells where he could have an informal ceremony for Dorothy at the Detachment. The request was quickly approved.

Cpl. Snodgrass' initial plan was to have "G" Div.'s Commanding Officer and the "G" Div. North District Officer in Charge attend for the surprise ceremony. At this point, Dorothy had no idea that Cpl. Snodgrass had obtained the award. Unfortunately, due to mechanical problems with the division's police plane, they were unable to fly up from Yellowknife.

So in the end, Cpl. Snodgrass had a small, informal ceremony with his mother, Dorothy, father, Gerry, wife, Jennifer, daughter Kate and the other members of the Norman Wells Detachment. Dorothy was very surprised and quite pleased, saying that receiving the award, by her son in Norman Wells, where she actually served as the unpaid second member, had more meaning than if she had received it in Regina.



Cpl. Ryan Snodgrass presented his mother, Dorothy Snodgrass, with her Second Man brooch and certificate for her service to the RCMP in Norman Wells, North West Territories, in 1973 when her husband, then Cpl. Gerry Snodgrass, was stationed.

Former Baton Twirling Champion Teaches in Fort Smith

Officer Sheryl Raymond is Fort Smith's newest female cop, but she wants the community to see her in her other hat, too; the one worn by an international baton twirling champion.

The policewoman has volunteered to launch a brand new baton twirling class for children at the Fort Smith recreation centre.

Baton twirling as a sport is not a very well known in the North, Raymond said. Performed as a routine to music, she described it as having elements of rhythmic gymnastics and figure skating.

"There's an artistic side of it and a technical side of it," Raymond said. "It requires a lot of physical skill. It's combining gymnastics, dance, athletic abilities. You need flexibility, endurance, strength and all those kind of things."



Baton twirling champion Sheryl Raymond (left) shares a laugh with Madison Murchie, five, after showing her how to twirl her baton.

Photo by Maria Church

In her line of work, Raymond said baton twirling has been a huge help by giving her skills such as perseverance, dedication, commitment and discipline.

"It's a lot of the qualities you'd need in any job, but especially with policing," she said.

Raymond's background in baton twirling started when she was only 4 years old in her hometown of Regina.

The sport took her to nine world championships with the Canadian team,

competing in countries like France, Japan, Italy and Holland. At her peak, Raymond won a gold medal in the team event, a silver with her sister in the pairs event and a fourth place world championship finish in individual baton twirling.

Raymond's current baton twirling classes are aimed at children aged four to 12 years old.

"It's for anybody. You can have twirling at the very recreational level that's just for fun and then you can split off into the more competitive, but honestly just having an interest means it can grow from there," she said.

The classes at the rec centre are every Thursday with four to six year-olds from 5:00 to 5:30 and seven to 12 year-olds from 5:30 to 6:00. There is a small drop-in fee, but batons are provided thanks to a donation from the Royal Canadian Legion.

"I was able to get 32 batons of varying sizes because they need to be the length of the arm," Raymond explained. Other than the baton, twirlers need only a pair of sneakers and shorts.

With around 20 students showing up to the first classes last week, Raymond said she was happy with the level of interest and hopes the classes will grow.

"I think it's something fun that I can do in the community and get to know some of the kids. Then in my other hat as a police officer, when they see me out there, it's not quite as intimidating," she said.

By Maria Church

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"H" Division

Headquarters — Halifax, Nova Scotia

C/Supt. Brian Brennan appointed new CO of "H" Div.

On Feb. 5, 2014, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson announced that C/Supt. Brian Brennan has been appointed the new Commanding Officer for 'H' Division RCMP. The appointment takes effect on Feb. 15 after Assistant Commissioner Alphonse MacNeil retires. A/Comm. MacNeil announced his retirement Jan. 29, after serving more than 38 years in the Force.

"Chief Superintendent Brian Brennan's appointment came in consultation with the Nova Scotia government and is part of the RCMP's ongoing commitment to work closely with its provincial partners," said RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson. "With 28 years of service, Chief Superintendent Brennan's operational and leadership experience will serve the RCMP and the people of Nova Scotia exceptionally well."

As Commanding Officer of "H" Division, C/Supt. Brennan assumes the responsibility of leading Nova Scotia's Provincial Police Service. There are 52 RCMP detachments and offices in Nova Scotia and more than 550,000 people live in RCMP jurisdictions in Nova Scotia. He will assume the rank of Assistant Commissioner and will become a member of the Commissioner's Senior Management Team.

"I want to thank Assistant Commissioner MacNeil and wish him the best of luck in his retirement," said Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Nova Scotia, Lena Metlege Diab. "I'm very pleased that someone we've worked with for several years has been appointed to this position. Chief Superintendent Brennan knows the issues facing our province and we'll work together to maintain the strong relationship enjoyed by the province and the RCMP."

Born and raised in Prince Edward Island, C/Supt. Brennan joined the RCMP in 1986. He has 28 years of service with the RCMP in both operational and executive management positions. The first 16 years of his career were spent in Saskatchewan in general duty policing in rural and Aboriginal communities and as a member of the Saskatoon Integrated Drug Unit. He held numerous leadership roles at National Headquarters in Ottawa before transferring to Nova Scotia to assume the role of Federal Policing Officer (FPO) for 'H' Division. In June 2011 he was promoted to his current duties as Officer in Charge of Criminal Operations.

"I am extremely honored to be appointed Commanding Officer for the RCMP in Nova Scotia," said C/Supt. Brennan. "Leading and working with such a dedicated and dynamic group of employees committed to enhancing public safety in the province will be truly a career highlight for me."

"H" Div. HQ Hosts First Citizenship Ceremony

On Jan. 7, 2014, the new headquarters building was the site of the first Canadian citizenship ceremony for 2014. Forty-nine individuals became new Canadian citizens at the swearing in ceremony attended by their friends and family as well as HQ employees. C/O Alphonse MacNeil presented the certificates of Canadian citizenship to the newly sworn Canadians. Members in red serge were on hand to greet the new Canadians.

Dinner Celebrates Tenth Anniversary of Integrated Policing

In celebration of 10 years of integrated policing in Halifax District, Halifax District RCMP and Halifax Regional Police (HRP)

employees gathered on January 15 for a Dining-in-Dinner in the RCMP HQ Mess. Hosted by HRP Chief, J.M. Blais and RCMP C/Supt. Roland Wells, more than 80 people attended. The only truly integrated policing model in Canada, Halifax District RCMP works in tandem with Halifax Regional Police (HRP), taking an integrated, strategic approach to crime reduction and crime prevention.

Human Rights Day

On Dec. 10, 2013, the RCMP in Nova Scotia participated in the 17th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. The RCMP is a member organization of "Partners for Human Rights," a division of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, and were responsible for planning this event. As part of the celebration of multiculturalism and diversity, a breakfast event at Prospect Road Community Centre just outside of Halifax, drew a crowd of close to 400 community members and local politicians. Awards were presented to community members in recognition of their continuous work towards making the community a more fair and equitable place for all people.

Facelift for Sgt. Red Wood



Supt. Sylvie Bourassa-Muise, David Taylor (wood carver), retired Commanding Officer Dwight Bishop and Insp. Chris MacNaughton.

Since 2000 visitors to the New Minas Detachment were cheerfully greeted by Sgt. Red Wood. Many cold winter nights and hot summer days took their toll and by the summer of 2013 the carved wooden mascot was aged and weathered, and very much in need of refurbishment. Thanks to the talents of carver David Taylor, the original creator of Sgt. Wood, the Mountie is once again at his post in his new bright red uniform. Similar folk art carvings create a friendly, welcoming atmosphere at the RCMP detachment in Antigonish and the Truro-based OCC.

Member Recognized for Sticking with a Case

Long after most people would probably have given up on a case, Cpl. Addie MacCallum of Colchester County RCMP relentlessly continued to pursue leads in an armed robbery case that had seemingly gone cold. Two-and-a-half years later his tireless efforts paid off and a suspect was charged. In presenting a certificate of appreciation to Cpl. MacCallum, S/Sgt. John Berry said, "The tenacity shown by never giving up and turning over every stone over a 2.5 year period is a true reflection of Addie's dedication and character that can be emulated by all."

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Employees of the RCMP skilfully serve and protect their communities, fighting and preventing crime on a daily basis. These same individuals also enrich their communities in a variety of ways, whether it's in an official RCMP capacity or as a resident, investing their time, talents and resources to volunteer, coach and contribute to organizations and events in their communities.

Dream to Become RCMP Officer Made a Reality

A terminally ill boy's dream, to be an RCMP officer when he grows up, came true just days before his seventh birthday. On Dec. 4, 2014 Kings District RCMP made Andrew Kennedy, who suffers from brain stem glioma, an Honourary Staff Sergeant. In addition to a plaque of recognition from Kings District and a letter from the "H" Div. Commanding Officer, Andrew received an

array of greetings and memorabilia from across the country. Among the gifts: police car replicas, shirts, hats, books, a bullet proof vest signed by the Kings County members, and a retired member's own service hat. There were hand-crafted cards made by Central Dispatch employees on a quiet night in Ottawa as well as gifts from Innisfail Police Dog Training Center in Alberta, Ottawa and Toronto Police Services, "H" Div. Pipes and Drums, the Atlantic Police Academy, Annapolis County Cops for Kids, a federal unit in Cape Breton and many more.

RCMP and PWGSC Receive Award for New "H" Div. HQ

On an annual basis, the Real Property Institute of Canada (RPIC) recognizes the contributions made by groups and/or individuals in setting a high standard and contributing to the real property community through innovation, achievement, quality and leadership. In November, the RCMP and PWGSC joint project team received an RPIC award for their collaborative "H" Div. HQ relocation project.

Member Recognized Nationally for Volunteer Contributions to Football

In November, Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) awarded Sgt. Joe Taplin the 2013 Football Canada Gino Fracas Award as CIS Assistant Coach of the Year. A coach for more than 20 years at the high school and university levels, Taplin also helped establish a number of football-related programs that give back to the community such as the 13th Player program with Special Olympics Nova Scotia. In conjunction with Shelter Nova Scotia he established a program in which players volunteer their time to help homeless men and women receive services that they would otherwise not have access to, such as flu shots, haircuts and blood pressure checks.

Annapolis County Cops 'n Kids

A successful program directed to Grade 7 students from the three middle-schools in Annapolis County, N.S., is helping to strengthen the relationship between youth and police. Annapolis County Cops 'n Kids program, now in its fifth year, challenges youth participants to think about crime prevention and how they can make their communities safer places to live and play. During the school year the students develop the ideas



Annapolis County Cops 'n Kids program, for Grade 7 students, challenges youth to make their communities safer places to live and play through crime prevention projects.

and undertake the projects that help to better their communities in some way. Past projects included a hockey tournament to raise funds for a local canteen that had been robbed and a public service announcement about safe driving practices. "These projects clearly show what can happen when we empower youth in the things that are important to them," said Cops 'n Kids coordinator, RCMP Community Safety Resource Officer, Cst. David Fairfax. Special events bring all 90 participants together to participate in team building and leadership activities. One of the highlights of the year is the program retreat at Tim Hortons Children's Camp in Tatamagouche, N.S. The retreat enables participants to take part in challenging activities like rock climbing, archery and geocaching.

Drop Zone 2013



Ferne Greene, an executive assistant with Halifax District, took on the challenge of rappelling 23 storeys from the top of a Halifax office building in support of Nova Scotians with physical disabilities. That was the day after rappelling down the 102.9-metre tower of the Angus L. Macdonald bridge that spans Halifax Harbour. Greene took part in Drop Zone 2013 to help raise funds for Easter Seals Nova Scotia. Individually, Greene raised \$2,350 and her team of five raised \$9,165.25.

National Jersey Day

Employees at headquarters in Dartmouth proudly sported their favorite hockey jersey on Nov. 29 in support of National Jersey Day. Participants donated a toonie to wear their jersey for the day and the \$235 raised went to

Sport Nova Scotia for the Kid Sport program. National Jersey Day was part of the RBC Sports Day in Canada - a national celebration of sport at all levels, held Nov. 30. It was an opportunity for Canadians to celebrate the power of sport, build community and national spirit, and facilitate healthy, active living.

Nova Scotia RCMP at Tree Lighting in Boston

Sometimes community bonds stretch beyond geographical borders. A strong relationship of mutual aid was solidified between Halifax, N.S., and Boston, MA, when the city of Boston sent aid to Halifax following the 1917 Halifax Explosion. As part of a longstanding tradition, each year the Province of Nova Scotia thanks Bostonians for their generosity during the 1917 disaster by sending a Nova Scotia-grown Christmas tree to the City of Boston. RCMP members accompany the tree to Boston and participate in the tree lighting ceremony on the Boston Commons. In December 2013, Cst. Blair Dole and Cst. Laura Seeley of Halifax District RCMP, represented the Force at the tree lighting along with Andrew Younger, Minister responsible for Communications Nova Scotia.

Novel Approach to Christmas Safety

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house. The RCMP and Elmsdale Fire found lots of safety tips to boast! Timer lights were hung by the doorway with care, In hopes that potential burglars would always beware.

Nova Scotia RCMP chose a creative way to remind Nova Scotians about simple ways to protect themselves from crime and fire hazards around the home this holiday season. Above is the first stanza of the Christmas safety message sent out as part of a joint project with Elmsdale Fire & Emergency Services. During a guided tour of a home in Elmsdale, N.S., RCMP provincial Media Relations Officer, Sgt. Alain LeBlanc, and Elmsdale's Fire Chief, Malcolm Noble, highlighted a number of crime and fire prevention safety tips, including a demonstration of how quickly and easily a Christmas tree can ignite.

"H" Div. Embraces Holiday Season of Giving

The holiday season is a busy time for giving, and within "H" Div., lots of activities demonstrated that the spirit of giving and commitment to community are alive and well. Many of these have become annual traditions.

An annual holiday hockey game between Halifax District RCMP and the community of Preston provides an opportunity for the community and RCMP members to have fun while interacting in a friendly, competition. The RCMP team won the game 8 - 5, making up for three consecutive years of losses to the Preston. "We get to know each other a little better, without the barrier that the uniform can sometimes create, explains Preston detachment commander Cpl. Kwabby Oppong. Close to 60 people attended the game and brought food donations for Feed Nova Scotia. Community groups supported the event by providing refreshments for the post-game social.

Food and toy drives are held by RCMP units from one end of the province to the other. At "H" Div.'s Operational Communications Centre (OCC) in Truro, staff collected food for the local food bank and toys, clothes and diapers for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program, an annual campaign that matches donors with children from qualified families unable to provide gifts and clothing to their children during the holidays. At the Antigonish District detachment Christmas party, employees and their children demonstrated the old adage "it's better to give than receive" when they supported the annual Knights of Columbus toy drive by presenting Santa with toys to give to less fortunate children in the area.

Staff from HQ and Halifax District took a novel approach to delivering their food drive collection. The "Employee Reindeer Team" (ERT) filled the Division's tactical armoured vehicle (TAV) with the boxes, and with Santa in the passenger seat, dropped off the food at CBC Radio's foodbank.

In many communities, like Liverpool, emergency services partnered on charitable projects; Queens Detachment and Liverpool Fire Department hosted a food drive and charity barbeque. One member's Strathcona High Browns served as the ideal place to collect monetary donations for the local food bank.



In some cases the spirit of giving focuses on giving back to the dedicated staff of a unit or district. Pictou County district hosted a district Christmas breakfast in December at the Pictou detachment. District NCOs prepared and served a full breakfast to district personnel.

On the day before Christmas, employees of Halifax District and "H" Div. HQ rolled up their sleeves and donated blood during a special Canadian Blood Services blood donor clinic held in the main lobby of the HQ building in Dartmouth. The turnout for the clinic surpassed expectations and helped meet the Force's Red Surge for Life pledge commitment.

"HQ" Division

Headquarters — Ottawa, Ontario



Haiti Medal Parade Launches 25th Anniversary of Canadian Police in Peace Operations

Sixty seven Canadian police officers serving on the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) received medals on Feb. 11, 2014 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in recognition of their peacekeeping service from UN Police Commissioner Luis Miguel Carrilho. Fifteen others received a service numeral for participation in multiple missions in Haiti. The ceremony was also chosen to launch the 25th anniversary of Canadian police in international peace operations.

Among the medal recipients were Insp. Jean-Ernest Célestin, a police officer from the Montreal City Police Service, who recently created Haiti's first-ever police bike patrol, Cpl. Jean-François Leduc, an RCMP member working closely with the Haitian National Police, who helped restore peace and order in Fort Liberté after recent anti-government demonstrations, and Detective Sergeant Janice Laws, an officer from the Montreal City Police Service, who works with the UN Women's Network in Haiti to promote the equality of women in policing.

Senior police officers from eight police services participated in the proceedings along with the Canadian chargé d'affaires, the UN's Special Representative to the Secretary General in Haiti and the Chief of the Haitian National Police, among others.

Quick Facts

- Since 1989, more than 3,000 Canadian police have served in international peace operations in 30 countries. Nearly two-thirds of these men and women have served on various UN missions in Haiti since 1993.

- Police officers must spend 90 days serving a mission to be eligible to receive the UN's peacekeeping medal. Currently, 81 Canadian police are serving with the UN mission in Haiti.

"It is my honour to congratulate our men and women in Haiti and thank them for continuing the legacy of 25 years of Canadian police contributions in the pursuit of peace. Besides helping to make Haiti a safer place by sharing their expertise and skills with their Haitian police counterparts, they have also shown great compassion and charity, helping many vulnerable people in this impoverished nation. All Canadians can be proud of their achievements," said Commr. Bob Paulson.

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"J" Division

**Headquarters — Fredericton,
New Brunswick**

Insp. David Vautour Receives National Award for Exemplary Management Skills

In December 2013, Insp. David Vautour, of the Codiac RCMP, was selected as the recipient of the 2013 National Managers' Community's Mike Nurse Award. This award recognizes exemplary management skills, and is given to one manager within the Public Service of Canada who demonstrates key leadership competencies: management excellence, engagement, values and ethics, and strategic thinking. He received the award at a ceremony on March 24, 2014.



Insp. David Vautour receives the Regional Leadership Award from Renée Léger, NMC Governing Council Member for the New Brunswick region.

It goes without saying that it is quite an honour for an RCMP member to receive this award, considering the magnitude of the Federal Public Service. Insp. Vautour was nominated by his colleagues for his leadership style, his ability to motivate others, and for fostering an environment of creativity and learning, all of which have led to impressive operational successes. Insp. Vautour was also selected as the regional manager of the year by

the NMC, and received that award in Moncton on Nov. 13, 2013.

"J" Div. Commanding Officer A/Commr. Roger Brown congratulated Insp. Vautour on this outstanding accomplishment. "We are privileged to have you as one of our leaders in this division, and your dedication and approach have obviously left a positive impression on those you work with."

By Brigitte Richard

St. Andrews Youth to Attend National RCMP Leadership Workshop

Andrew Peppard, a student in Grade 12 at Sir James Dunn Academy in St. Andrews was selected to represent New Brunswick at the RCMP Youth Leadership and Project Development Workshop in Regina from Feb. 4-9, 2014. The workshop was held at the RCMP Training Academy (known as "Depot") and brings together youth from every province and territory in Canada. Interactive learning activities provide skills to participants that can help them address youth crime and victimization issues in their respective communities upon their return.

"Andrew was chosen as he is a leader among his class and within his school," said RCMP Cpl. Scott Mackenzie. Cpl. MacKenzie will accompany Andrew to the workshop.

By Kathryn Shaw

Brother and Sister Support Codiac RCMP's Fight Against Drunk Driving

In a symbolic gesture, Team O'Dell: Jeremy and Kali's team, was officially launched at the Amsterdam Inn and Suites in Moncton, N.B., on Dec. 18, 2013.

Jeremy and Kali's team represents the fight against drunk driving by police and the general



Jeremy and Kali O'Dell with members of the RCMP.

public. They lost their parents, Gregory and Laura O'Dell, to a collision with a drunk driver in 2006. Kali says it's been almost eight years since the crash but she still remembers looking at her brother after their car had been hit by the impaired driver and wondering if her brother would live. For Jeremy, he has difficulty living life without his parents and not being able to share moments such as high school graduation. He finds it hard to see friends with their families.

Seventeen RCMP officers who have demonstrated above average results in impaired driving charges and five dignitaries who have pledged their support to the fight against drunk drivers joined Team O'Dell.

In the long term, Codiac RCMP, MADD Canada and Amsterdam Inn and Suites are devoted to making it nearly impossible to find an impaired driver on our roadways. The public must also play its part by calling 9-1-1 and reporting any driver they suspect is under the influence.

At the same time the launch was taking place, just a few kilometers away, Southeast District RCMP members received several complaints of a possible impaired driver. A 28-year-old man from Cocagne, N.B., was arrested and will be facing charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

In the week following the launch, enforcement efforts were stepped up in

Codiac. By Dec. 23, a total of 14 drivers had been apprehended. Six are facing charges of impaired driving, three are facing charges of refusal and five had their licence suspended for seven days. Five of the 14 were observed by officers, three were involved in collisions, and six were reported by concerned citizens.

By Cst. Damien Thériault and Alex Vass

RCMP Wives Recognized for Role as Unpaid Second Man

Mrs. Brenda Jaillet, Mrs. June Covey and Mrs. Linda Bennett were three of the 37 women who received the Second Man Award at a ceremony on Sept. 12, 2013 in Fredericton, N.B.

The Second Man Award (an honorary, silver brooch with the RCMP's crest) and a certificate of appreciation from the RCMP Commissioner was given to RCMP wives across the country, who, over the years, provided assistance to their husbands, members working in one or two-man detachments.

These women performed a range of duties in support of police operations, including cooking and caring for prisoners, filing, transporting and searching female prisoners, taking complaints, compiling accident reports and comforting crime victims and families after accidental deaths. They were left to fill the gaps, and often became the unpaid second man



Mrs. Brenda Jaillet, Mrs. June Covey and Mrs. Linda Bennett received the Second Man Award in Fredericton, N.B., in September 2013.

for the communities in which they lived. This was a common occurrence at locations where RCMP living quarters were attached directly to the main office.

"Their assistance was vital to the entire operation," said A/Commr. Roger Brown, Commanding Officer of the RCMP in New Brunswick. "These women did a lot of work, and were never recognized and never paid. They did this in support of their communities and of the RCMP, and they are certainly most deserving of the award and recognition they are receiving today."

By Brigitte Richard

RCMP Veterans' Association Presents Bursaries, Scholarships

The RCMP Veterans' Association, New Brunswick Division, wishes to congratulate bursary and scholarship recipients. Each year the Veterans' Association helps the children and grandchildren of members of the RCMP in New Brunswick pursue post-secondary studies with financial support.

In October 2013, \$500 bursaries were presented to: Beau Jack, Alex Neuffer, Anne Sutherland, Cassandra Fitzgerald and Sean MacKnight.



Pictured are two students receiving their awards. From left to right, Jim Payne, president of the NB Veterans' Association, Corey Ross, Ethel Rose, widow of Charles Rose, and Tyler Lifford.

The \$600 bursaries in the name of Charlie Rose, a recently deceased long-standing

member of the association, were presented to: Tyler Lifford, Corey Ross, Renee Kinden and Carter Asbell.

The RCMP NB Vets partners with Higgins Insurance to administer the Centennial Scholarship Program. The \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to: Patrick Surette, Cameron Critchlow, Shanna Cohoon, Holly Blacquiere, Phillip Michon and Nicholas Dupuis.

The RCMP NB Veterans' Association has 345 members and selects the scholarship and bursary winners at its fall meeting.

One Focus – Team Work Saves Man's Life

On a very cold night in December 2013, team work between RCMP members and employees working in the West and Southeast Districts, as well as in the Operational Communications Center (OCC), paid off and saved a young man's life.

The Keswick Detachment in West District received a report that a young man from their area had left a suicide note. While he was from a community near Fredericton, OCC employees triangulated his cell phone to the Port Elgin

area in the southeast. Members from both districts worked together, and the OCC helped to coordinate search efforts, including with "L" Div. members, as it was unknown at the time whether the man might have been heading for the Confederation Bridge.

The end result was an almost miraculous rescue: Cst. René Blanchard, working with Cpl. Alain LeBlanc, spotted the car parked in the Port Elgin area. They arrived in the nick of time, and were able to revive the man, who had started to lose consciousness. Cpl. Al Vincent, from Keswick, gives a lot of credit to the OCC operators working that night.

"I personally dealt with Jamie Michaud in the OCC that night, but I am well aware that there were others behind the scenes who were assisting. The end result was a 'just in time' save."

For Sgt. Jamie Graves in the Southeast, this is an example of the great work "J" Div. does: "Our employees pulled together and saved a man's life. A lot of ground had to be covered, and this was absolutely tremendous work."

By Jennifer Houle



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D/Commr. Marianne Ryan Leads "K" Div.

Ceremonies act as visible markers for change, commemorating both endings and new beginnings. On Jan. 29, 2014, special guests and RCMP employees witnessed the change of command ceremony that marked the end of D/Commr. Dale McGowan's tenure at "K" Div., and the beginning of D/Commr. Marianne Ryan's leadership.

"I can't think of a greater privilege than to lead such a dedicated team of employees who are truly committed to public safety in this dynamic and progressive province," said D/Commr. Ryan, Commanding Officer of "K" Div. "I'm humbled by this opportunity, and I look forward to this next chapter in Alberta's rich history with the RCMP," she added.

D/Commr. Ryan joined the RCMP in 1982, after graduating from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont., with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She was posted to "D"

Div. in Manitoba where she spent the next 19 years of her career building extensive policing experience at local, national and international levels.

In 2001, D/Commr. Ryan was commissioned as an Inspector – her career goal when she joined the RCMP – and moved to Vancouver, where she was assigned to the position of Operations Officer for the Integrated Proceeds of Crime Section (IPOC). In 2003, she was appointed as the Officer-in-Charge of the Vancouver IPOC Section, and in 2004 she was promoted to the rank of Superintendent at the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC). She later became Chief Officer for this unit, using a large integrated unit of seconded police resources from the RCMP, municipal police departments and the Organized Crime Agency to disrupt organized and serious crime in British Columbia.



RCMP D/Commr. Dale McGowan, Commr. Bob Paulson, and D/Commr. Marianne Ryan signing the Change of Command parchments during the ceremony on Jan. 29, 2014.

In May 2008, D/Commr. Ryan assumed the role of Pacific Region Coordinator for the Change Management Team and in August 2009, she accepted the position as Human Resources Officer for the Pacific Region.

In January 2011, D/Commr. Ryan was promoted to her rank of A/Commr. and became the Officer-in-Charge of the Criminal Operations (CROPS) Branch, for RCMP "K" Div. On Nov. 8, 2013 she was appointed Commanding Officer for "K" Div. Her priorities upon assuming command include working more closely with Alberta's aboriginal communities, closer cooperation with other police forces in the province and improving both internal and external communication.

"The RCMP plays a vital role in keeping communities in our province safe," said Alberta Premier Alison Redford who attended the ceremony. "On behalf of all Albertans, I would like to congratulate A/Commr. Marianne Ryan on her appointment as the new Commanding Officer of "K" Div. I look forward to continuing to work together to improve the quality of life for Albertans as we build a province that is safe, prosperous, fair and inclusive."

D/Commr. Ryan is the first woman to become Alberta's top Mountie.

"If I can make it anyone can make it. There are many, many women in the RCMP now," said D/Commr. Ryan, "When I joined, not so many, but behind me and with me there are a lot of women and there will be a lot more coming in."

With more than 1.5 million Albertans living in 112 detachments, "K" Div. is an operationally demanding province, and in her role as CROPS officer and now as Commanding Officer, D/Commr. Ryan has dealt with a variety of high-profile events. RCMP Commr. Bob Paulson attended the change of command ceremony and commended D/Commr. Ryan's leadership ability.

"There has never been such a clear succession plan as there was in this case," said Commr. Paulson. "There was absolutely no question in anybody's mind who was going to be the next Commanding Officer in Alberta."

Commr. Paulson also spoke about the transition of leadership for the RCMP in the province and acknowledged the role that D/Commr. Dale McGowan's years of service

and operational expertise have played in maintaining the positive relationship between the RCMP and Albertans.

D/Commr. Dale McGowan retires with 35 years of service from his home province after a career that included postings in Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and all three northern territories.

"Throughout my almost 36-year career I've held many command positions and led many great teams," said D/Commr. McGowan, "But this one in particular in "K" Div. has left me with the greatest sense of pride and accomplishment."

D/Commr. McGowan and his wife Sheila have three adult children, all of whom are Regular Members of the RCMP; a new guard that spans both the past and future of the Force in Alberta.

Someone Still Needs Your Help

RCMP members from Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary and Lethbridge rolled up their sleeves to help kick off the 2014 Sirens for Life campaign across the province on Jan. 7, 2014. Sirens for Life is a great opportunity for the RCMP to come together with police, fire and EMS departments throughout Alberta in order to help save lives and increase public awareness of the constant need for blood.

In Edmonton, Insp. Kevin Murray and Cpl. Barry Roy attended the event at the Canadian Blood Services (CBS) headquarters building along with Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Insp. Brad MacDonald, Edmonton Fire Rescue Services Chief Ken Block, and Alberta Emergency Medical Services executive director Dale Weiss. Also present were EMS mascots "Band-Aid" and Fire Rescue Services mascot "Sparky".

This year, the campaign's focus is on heroes working together for a common goal, with the theme, "Someone still needs YOUR help." CBS forecasts it will need to collect blood from more than 12,000 Albertans in order to meet the need for blood in January; "K" Div. has been very supportive in answering that call.

"There have been a number of high-profile incidents over the years," said Insp. Murray. "It just brings it that much closer to home for us, that there is a constant need for blood and we



RCMP Insp. Kevin Murray along with EMS mascots "Band-Aid" and Fire Rescue Services mascot "Sparky."

need to get out there and donate to help save lives."

Most people have friends or family members who have been directly affected by the need for blood, whether as a result of an accident or emergency, or part of ongoing medical treatments. In order to support the communities we serve, "K" Div., along with other RCMP divisions across the country, is also partnered with CBS in Partners for Life, an annual pledge program for blood donations. With the participation of "K" Div.'s members, employees, friends and families, the "K" Div. Partners for Life campaign of 2013 exceeded the goal by 131%, collecting a total of 197 blood donations.

As the provincial police force our goal is to protect Albertans. Giving blood is a valuable way that we can give back to the communities we serve, and an easy way for almost everyone to help save lives. In 2014, "K" Div. has pledged 200 blood donations across Alberta. We thank everyone for their support and encourage your ongoing participation for the upcoming year.

By Andrea Church

Grade One Classes Help Kids in Need

Members from St. Albert RCMP and the Edmonton Police Service along with one very big Zebra, made a special visit to the Father Jan Elementary School on Dec. 19, 2013, where Grade One classes donated more than 30 backpacks filled with toiletries, clothes and child-friendly supplies to the Edmonton Zebra Child Protection Centre. The agency supports children and their families through difficult life circumstances. The Grade One students wanted to find a way to help other children and these backpacks were a way they could reach out and contribute.

The Zebra Child Protection Centre supports children who have experienced abuse, and their family members. It's a collaboration of police officers, social workers and volunteer child advocates who work together with crown prosecutors, mental health and medical professionals. The multi-disciplinary team is dedicated to protecting children from further trauma, providing nurturing and healing, and bringing criminals who abuse children to justice. Zebra is the first multi-disciplined child advocacy centre in Canada.



EPS officers, Sgt. Gary Willits and Cst. Barry Fairhurst, one big Zebra and RCMP Cpl. Laurel Kading and RCMP Cst. Geoff McKay from the St. Albert Detachment surrounded by backpacks and gifts for the Zebra Centre.

"Our spiritual theme this year is, 'Casting our nets of peace, we are anchors of hope,'" said teacher Monique Auray. "This is our way of providing hope to some people right here in our community who are in very difficult situations. The students were very eager to help out."

"These backpacks are essential for children and youth who come into the Zebra Centre. Some kids may not be able to go home that night, and so they need the basics – toothpaste, pajamas and a jacket. Others need comfort and distraction – a fun t-shirt, a teddy bear. It's important for the children and youth who are victims of abuse and family violence to know that there are people who care about them," said Nicole Chapdelaine of the Edmonton Police Service.

Unfortunately the numbers of children and youth who come through the doors of the Zebra Centre have grown significantly. In 2012, a total of 1,083 kids and youth were assisted by the centre. By the end of September 2013, Zebra had already helped 1,574 children and youth.

"We believe, however, that the strength of our community response to child abuse, exemplified by the generosity of these grade one students, offers hope as we work together to promote justice and healing," said Zebra Centre director, Kimberly Clark.

By Mary Schlosser

With files from Cpl. Laurel Kading and Edmonton Police Service



Final Medal Parade for Canadian Police in Afghanistan

On Nov. 27, a total of 37 Canadian police officers serving in Afghanistan were recognized for their service during a medal presentation held at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul. The medal presentation was the last of the current mission, marking more than 10 years of Canadian police service in Afghanistan. Among the contingent, 19 police officers received their Operational Service Medal, while 33 were given the RCMP's International Peace Operations Commemorative coin. Prince Edward Island's Sgt. Bob Fogarty was among those recognized.

During the ceremony, the Canadian police commander, RCMP C/Supt. Marion Lamothe, presented a plaque to Ambassador Deborah Lyons, thanking her and her predecessors for their invaluable support of Canadian police efforts over the past decade. He also presented recognition plaques to the Canadian defence attaché, two administrative officers and security personnel. In addition, several police officers received their Long Service Medals, including one member of the Calgary Police and two RCMP members who work at Ottawa headquarters supporting police in mission.

"One of the most impressive aspects of the Canadian contribution in Afghanistan has been our policing effort," said Ambassador Lyons. "Canadian police officers have been able to reach across the cultural and institutional barriers to galvanize an Afghan-led effort with real transformative potential."

Attending the ceremony were senior police officers from Canada, including Toronto Police Deputy Chief Mark Saunders, A/Commr. Todd Shean and C/Supt. Eric Slinn (both from the RCMP's Federal Policing), as well as an official from Public Safety Canada's Law Enforcement and Policing Branch. The visitors were

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Prince Edward Island**

accompanied by staff from the RCMP's office for International Policing Development, which manages Canadian police deployments to international peace operations. The delegation spent several days in Kabul, visiting Canadian police officers at European Union and NATO mission headquarters, as well as those working within the Afghan Ministry of the Interior.

"It was an honour to personally thank Canadian police officers in Afghanistan for their service to the mission, and to see first-hand how their efforts are making a difference," said A/Commr. Shean. "We are proud of Canadian police contributions to international efforts over the past 10 years to build the Afghan National Police."

Welcome to "L" Div.

"L" Div. welcomes two new staff members that have arrived recently to the Island. Insp. Maggie Smith, OIC, Atlantic Review and Performance Centre and S/Sgt. Jean Belzile, NCO i/c CDRA joined the team recently. Insp. Smith comes to the Island most recently from "Depot" where she was the OIC Cadet Training and prior to that position, she served in "G," "A," "B" and the Atlantic Region in General Duty, Protective Policing, Community and Aboriginal Policing, Corporate Management, Recruiting NCO and CDR Advisor. Born and raised in Plaster Rock, N.B., she has 32 years of service to date as she takes over in her new role in "L" Div.

S/Sgt. Belzile arrived at "L" Div. after most recently holding the position of OPS NCO in Codiak, "J" Div. Prior to that, he was the sergeant in NHQ Staffing, National Field Coaching Coordinator and National Vacancy Unit, and before that held a number of positions in "T," "C," "B" and "H" Divs., where

he began his career. Both are settling in to their respective roles here in "L" Div.



Insp. Maggie Smith.



S/Sgt. Jean Belzile.

Ties between Veterans Affairs Canada and RCMP Highlighted

To raise awareness of the partnership between Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the RCMP, a display of the iconic RCMP uniform was developed. The exhibit was unveiled on November 25, 2013 by Keith Hillier, former Assistant Deputy Minister of Service Delivery. Members of the RCMP and the RCMP Veterans' Association of P.E.I. took part in an official unveiling ceremony in the Daniel J. MacDonald Building atrium, a federal government building located in Charlottetown.

Sgt. Brad Chugg, the RCMP liaison to Veterans Affairs Canada, organized the display. D/Commr. Dan Dubeau, Chief Human Resource Officer, and C/Supt. Craig Gibson, Commanding Officer of "L" Div. (P.E.I.), represented the RCMP. Veterans Affairs Canada offers a range of services, programs and benefits for still-serving and retired RCMP members and their families. The exhibit is made up of items donated by Betty Holmes, widow of an RCMP officer, as well as other RCMP officers.



(L-R): Ernie MacAulay, PEI RCMP Veterans' Association, Mike O'Neil President, PEI RCMP Veterans' Association, C/Supt. Craig Gibson, CO "L" Div., D/Commr. Dan Dubeau, RCMP Chief Human Resources Officer, Betty Holmes, former ADM-SD Keith Hillier, Sgt. Brad Chugg, and Squadron S/M Larry Kavanagh.

RCMP Challenge Community on Ice for Playground Fundraiser



Cst. Renee Michaels from the West Prince Detachment of "L" Div. was instrumental in organizing a community hockey game at the local hockey rink. On Jan.31, 2014 "L" Div. employees challenged the teachers, parents and alumni of Bloomfield Elementary to help fundraise for an accessible playground for the school and community. The event was full of family fun including a "Toonie Toss" and everyone had a great time. Approximately \$2,400 was raised, which was matched by Scotiabank, resulting in a total of \$4,800 put towards their fundraising total of just over \$40,000, with an ultimate goal of \$90,000.



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"M" Division

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Yukon Honours Auxiliary Volunteers

On Dec. 5, 20 volunteer Yukon RCMP Auxiliary constables were recognized for their roles in supporting RCMP policing and community safety in Yukon. The auxiliary constables were honoured at a banquet celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program in Canada.

"Through this program, specially trained volunteers from our communities assist and support regular police members with delivering the territorial police service," Attorney General and Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "These men and women dedicate countless hours to their communities and to the detachments they support."

The Yukon RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program held its first training session in Yukon in October 1994 and will be celebrating its nineteenth anniversary next year. Nineteen auxiliary volunteers currently serve in Whitehorse, Carmacks and Dawson City.

"These dedicated volunteers are bridge builders between police and the community and they are an incredible asset. They bring a wealth of information, local knowledge and assistance to police operations," said C/Supt. Peter Clark, Commanding Officer of RCMP "M" Div. "Yukon RCMP appreciate the ongoing support of the Minister of Justice to grow this important program and recognize the dedicated individuals volunteer so much time to support community safety across the territory."

The banquet, hosted by the Yukon Department of Justice and organized by Auxiliary Program Coordinator Cpl. Wayne Gork, featured an excellent dinner and dancing, the presentation of Auxiliary Program coins and a number of awards recognizing individual achievements.

Cultures Connect in "M" Div.

In 2013, "M" Div. invited Yvonne Clarke to represent the Yukon on the Commissioner's



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Photo by David Gilbert



Yvonne Clarke, "M" Div.'s representative on the Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Visible Minorities and Cst. Wade MacDonald, of "E" Div., chat with CBC North's morning show host Sandi Coleman about November's special recruiting presentation for visible minorities in Whitehorse.

Photo by David Gilbert

Advisory Committee on Visible Minorities. Clarke, who lives in Whitehorse, is originally from the Philippines and has been an active bridge-builder among the Yukon's many cultural communities.

Clarke is a ball of energy and has helped introduce "M" Div. leaders and staff to a variety of new experiences. Coordinating with Insp. Will Tewnton and Cst. Winslow Duyan, who head up "M" Div.'s Visible Minorities Committee, Clarke has introduced the Division to the Cultures Connect series of workshops put on by a variety of participating cultural associations in the Territory. She has gone on a ride-along in the city of Whitehorse, attended a meeting of the Commanding Officer's Yukon First Nations Advisory Committee, and organized a potluck lunch to introduce

Commanding Officer Peter Clark and Insp. Tewnton to several of the Yukon's visible minority associations.

In November, as the entire Filipino community rallied to help friends and family back home as the islands were ravaged by Typhoon Haiyan, Clarke held firm in organizing a special RCMP recruiting presentation for visible minorities. With the assistance of Cpl. Wayne Gork, she made arrangements for Cst. Roderick "Wade" McDonald, who provides recruiting support to "M" Div. from his posting in northern B.C., to present to a combined audience from the Filipino, Chinese and Japanese community associations. To promote the session, she and Cst. McDonald also made an appearance on CBC Yukon's popular morning show "A New Day" with host Sandi Coleman.

"O" Division Headquarters — London, Ontario



IAWP Conference in South Africa Enlightening

Durban, South Africa, provided a fantastic setting for the 51st International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Training Conference held from Sept. 22 – 26, 2013. Ten female members from across the country were selected to attend; both civilian and regular members were represented with ranks ranging from constable to superintendent. I felt fortunate to have been chosen to represent "O" Div. at this event.

The five-day conference was attended by delegates from more than 86 countries and this year marked the first time it had ever been held in Africa. Presentations and panel discussions were offered featuring speakers from around the world. Global issues affecting female police members were highlighted, such as gender equality; harassment; opportunities for leadership, training and mentoring; recruitment challenges and violence. The conference also included a number of enforcement-specific

seminars on topics such as human trafficking, terrorism, cell phone analysis, and organized crime involvement in banking and cybercrime. Overall, it was a unique and diverse opportunity for information sharing, networking and cultural understanding.

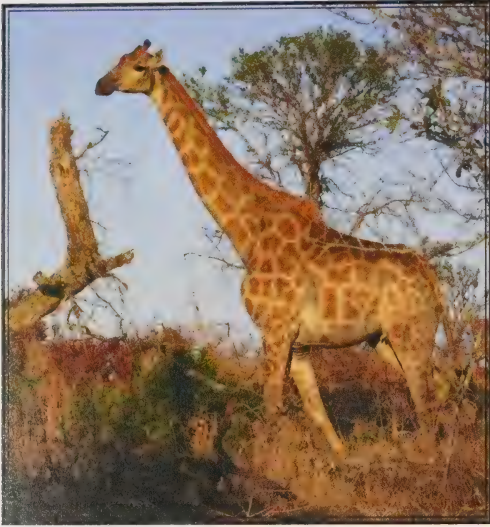
Retired, civilian, and serving members all participated in the parade that made its way through downtown to City Hall for the official opening ceremony of the conference. This was the first time I had ever participated in a police parade and it was exhilarating and humbling to march with officers from around the world through packed streets with cheering and singing onlookers. The regular members' scarlet tunics stood out from all other uniforms during the parade and were sought after for pictures, providing an incredible opportunity to meet and engage officers from around the world.

After each day of seminars and workshops, participants were invited to experience African cuisine and culture in a number of different venues throughout Durban. In anticipation



Supt. Shirley-Cuillierrier and CM Heather Lewis attended the 51st International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Training Conference in Durban, South Africa, held from Sept. 22 – 26, 2013.

of next year's IAWP conference in Winnipeg, the participants from Manitoba hosted one of the evening's social events by introducing the uninitiated to the cultural phenomenon that is "Hockey Night in Canada."



The 2013 International Association of Women Police Training Conference was held in September 2013 against the beautiful backdrop of Durban, South Africa.

Amid the learning, cultural and social opportunities, the conference served to underscore the fact that many of the situations faced by women in the RCMP are similar to those experienced by the international policing community at large. It was a good reminder that while we play a key role, women alone cannot solve many of the issues that impact them in the world of law enforcement. An approach involving the collaboration, understanding and support of our male counterparts is integral to most solutions.

All in all, the conference was extremely worthwhile and offered women (and men) an unparalleled opportunity to broaden their professional and personal perspectives. Durban's modern city and beautiful beachfront offered a glimpse into African society that would likely surprise many. Those who had the opportunity to travel further undoubtedly encountered the beautiful scenery, wild animals and warm hospitality that I did.

By CM Heather Lewis, Acting Manager, "O" Div. Criminal Intelligence Program Development

CM Heather Lewis has been a Civilian Member in "O" Div. for over 26 years, working in a variety of operational environments. She spent 14 years in the OCC both as a telecommunications operator and unit supervisor, followed by 12 years as an intelligence analyst and manager. She is currently responsible for the creation, development and implementation of innovative analytical intelligence teams focused on open source and communications data analysis.

"Anchors Aweigh" Challenge for Charity

It was a hard fought challenge again this year by our "O" Div. RCMP relay team who participated in the fourth annual "Anchors Aweigh" relay race in support of local charity to officially open the Toronto International Boat Show.

The team, made up of members from the Marine Security Emergency Response Team (MSERT) and Marine Security Enforcement Team (MSET) look forward to the annual race against their fellow marine partners from Toronto Police Marine Unit, Toronto Fire Department and Toronto Paramedics.

The member in charge of "O" Div. MSERT, S/Sgt. Tom Steggles said, "This has become a great way to demonstrate our collaboration in marine enforcement, emergency response and rescue efforts at this end of the lake."

The relay takes place in a large man-made indoor lake, built each year for the boat show venues, including waterskiing displays and jet-ski demonstrations. The "lake" is filled with thousands of gallons of ice cold Lake Ontario water.



Cst. Jason Avery, RCMP Marine Security Emergency Response Team, as he hauls his weight and more during the race.

"We love the challenge, we love the competition and we love the camaraderie with the other marine officers and folks from the marine industry," S/Sgt. Steggles said.

The competitors run a four-man relay race through four feet of water while carrying a 33-pound anchor over their shoulder. Each team members runs an 80-metre leg, before handing the anchor over to his team mate. The winner is awarded \$300 in prize money to be donated to a charity of their choice.

This is the third year the RCMP has participated, capturing two second place and a third place win against some very worthy opponents.

The first two years MSERT members wore their operational dry suits, which while warm, created too much drag to be competitive. This year the members wore light wetsuits and while the race was extremely close, we weren't able to beat the Toronto Fire Department, who won by a nose, wearing their special high traction booties.

See you next year!

Cpl. Heather Dickinson Recognized for Her Work with Drug Endangered Children

Congratulations to Cpl. Heather Dickinson of "O" Div. Drugs and Organized Crime

Awareness Section, who was presented with the 2013 Collaborative Leadership Award by National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (DEC) in Oklahoma City.

This annual award honours an outstanding individual or group whose work has successfully created, enhanced, or promoted organization change and effective collaborative practices that address the issue of children living in environments where substance use disorders among family members create a risk of abuse or neglect. Early this year, Cpl. Dickinson was also a group award recipient of the 2013 Hope of Children Award (Ontario) from the "Our Kids Bruce Grey Child and Family Services Foundation."

Over the past seven years, Cpl. Dickinson has been instrumental in coordinating CORE DEC Training for community partners, working with community and provincial partners at Vanier Centre, through collaboration with the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, to increase awareness and further implementation of protocols and checklists for police officers locating children in dangerous environments.

Cpl. Dickinson's efforts and mission to prevent drug abuse and enhance the lives of those affected by drugs, particularly children, has garnered her considerable recognition in Ontario and now internationally.



(L-R): National DEC and Dept. of Justice representatives Chuck Noerenberg and Nazmia Alqadi; award winners Monty Williams, Amber Neff, Heather Dickinson, Vanessa Price, Sara Wilhelm, Dub Turner; National DEC representative Lori Moriarty.

Respectful Workplace Advisory Council Guiding Principles Endorsed

The Respectful Workplace Advisory Council (RWAC) document of Guiding Principles was officially endorsed by the Division Executive Committee on Jan. 20, 2014. In the near future, the RWAC will launch an InfoWeb site where the Guiding Principles will be published. In the meantime you may contact your OIC for a copy.

Toronto North Has Done It Again!

Members and employees at Toronto North Detachment rolled up their sleeves last year to give 104 units of blood to patients in need across Canada! The Detachment has participated in the "Partners for Life" program

for six years, and host several bloodmobile events throughout the year to meet their goal.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is proud to work with Canadian Blood Services in collaboration with hundreds of corporations and community organizations nationwide each year in support of the "Partners for Life" program. As members of this lifesaving program we demonstrate our commitment to saving lives through donating blood, platelets and plasma.



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Polar Bear Hunting Season Begins in Sanikiluaq

The polar bear season started not even a week ago and the community of Sanikiluaq reached their quota of bears. A total of 20 bears were shot for this small community. Five more permits will be drawn by the Nunavut Government, giving the opportunity to a few more hunters to get their prize. The hunters of Sanikiluaq are very generous and the meat obtained from the hunt is divided and provided

to people to eat who can't go out on the land themselves. The fur will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. The number of bears has been increasing over the last couple of years. In 2013, the quota for Sanikiluaq was reached within two days compared to a month a couple of years ago. Each community in Nunavut has different quotas depending on the bear population in various areas.

By Cpl. Sebastien Breton



Cpl. Sebastien Breton and hunter David Mickiyuk.

Members from Igloolik Detachment Reach out to School Kids



Cst. Danny Gourdeau (from Igloolik Detachment) and Cst. Adam Jackson (on relief from "H" Div.) hand out trolls and temporary tattoos to young school children at Ataguttaaluk Elementary School, much to their delight.



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Veterans Garner Federal Funding to Protect Seniors' Safety, Security

In June 2012 the Clarenville Area RCMP Veterans Group applied for a grant under the Federal Government's New Horizons Projects for seniors. In May 2013 the Veterans group was notified that the grant had been approved.

A partnership was formed by the veterans with the Clarenville area multi-denominational Church Board (consisting of five religions), the RCMP (in consultation with S/Sgt. Bill Dwyer), and the Random Friendly Communities Board (representing a number of seniors groups). A representative from each partnering agency was identified to form a steering committee. Each member provides a vital function to help reach out to the seniors groups throughout the policing district.



(L-R): Leo Bonnell, Random Age Friendly Communities Board Chair, Ken Hurley, Clarenville RCMP Detachment, Leonard Stratton, area representative for the Clarenville/Bonavista RCMP Veterans Group, and Captain Anthony LeDrew, representing the Clarenville Area Multi-denominational Church Board.

A presentation was developed, from RCMP resource material, on Elder Abuse, and another was created on Safety and Security for Seniors. A third presentation was developed by Ace Driving School (owned by RCMP veteran Al Evans) on Driver Safety for Seniors. A presentation was given at a local seniors retirement homes in early 2014. Following this presentation, a request was made by the managing staff of the home, that the veterans develop a fourth presentation for care givers who look after seniors.

By mid-January numerous organizations, church groups and seniors groups have requested presentations. This program is an initiative that supports the policing objectives of the Clarenville/Bonavista RCMP District. This project is unique, as it involves experienced individuals (RCMP veterans) who in cooperation with the Clarenville and Bonavista RCMP Detachments, provide a very important program for senior citizens.

Vancouver Division Celebrates 100th Anniversary

On May 19, 2013, the Vancouver Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association celebrated their 100th anniversary. It was back in early 1913 when a small group of Force Veterans decided to place an advertisement in the local newspaper to determine the interest in establishing a Northwest Mounted Police Veterans' Association in Vancouver.

Based on this advertisement, a meeting of 70 Veterans was held in early May 1913 and an Executive Committee was established.

The first President of the Vancouver Division was Lawrence Herchmer – 4th Commissioner of the Force.

Since 1913, members of the Vancouver Division have regularly met to promote the above aims of the Association. The esprit de corps and fellowship continues to this day.

To mark this anniversary, the Vancouver Division developed four centennial events which were spread throughout 2013.

A church service was held May 19, 2013, in Abbotsford, B.C., to mark the official anniversary date of the Vancouver Division.

A centennial picnic was planned to coincide with the RCMP Musical Ride demonstration at the Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, B.C., on Aug. 24, 2013. Prior to the demonstration, ride members shared a meal and socialized with the 200 Vancouver Division members, families and friends.

With funds raised for the Musical Ride demonstration going to the Special Olympics of B.C., president Tom Quilley presented a



A bus full of Vancouver Division members and wives departed the Lower Mainland for a wine bus tour of the Okanagan from Oct. 1-4, 2013.

cheque for \$1,000 to the representatives of the Special Olympics.

A bus full of Vancouver Division members and wives departed the Lower Mainland for a wine bus tour of the Okanagan from Oct. 1-4, 2013. Their first stop was the Mission Hill Family Estate Winery in Kelowna. After this tour, the group headed to their tour base at the Lakeside Resort Convention Centre in Penticton.

The concluding celebration event was the Division Levee on Dec. 12, 2013 and was held at the Rancho Caterers in Abbotsford. D/Commr. Craig Callens, CO of "E" Div. was in attendance to partake in this joyous occasion.

55th Reunion for Troop 46

More than half a century ago strong ties of camaraderie were forged that would stand the test of time. Built on loyalty, respect and honour, bonds were established among the young men of Troop 46 (1958-59), which continues today.

It was amazing that, with the passing of 55 years, we still had 14 of the original troop of 32 recruits coming from various parts of Canada to attend this reunion in West Kelowna, B.C. Even more unique was having two members whom the troop had not seen in the intervening 55 years. Their lives had taken paths outside law enforcement but they still maintained a sense of belonging to this "band of brothers."

The faces may have aged and hair gone white, but the spirit of youth abounds in shared memories. I say youth with some trepidation as our group included a World War II veteran, a Korean War veteran, two British Army veterans

and an assortment of older members with varied and somewhat storied pasts. The normal 19-year-old recruit of the day was slightly elevated with our eclectic bunch.

During the reunion, quality time was spent relating memories of the past and sharing personal stories. The integral role of the spouse was not lost in this rekindling of friendships. We recognize life has been relatively kind to this ragtag band, but there is an end in the road of life. The inevitability hastens as we age and the need to maintain ties becomes paramount. Therefore, another gathering of Troop 46 is planned for 2015 with the venue of Harrison Hot Springs in beautiful British Columbia.

By Neil MacKay



(L-R) First row: Ruth Buchanan, Ed Virgo, Helen Virgo, Elsie Fairholm, Blake Hough. Second row: Bob Garlough, Laurane Garlough, George Foulon, Lorraine Foulon, Ron McKinnon, Ed Walsh, Irma Hoivik, Art Hoivik, Neil MacKay, Jeannette MacKay, Marg MacIver, Don MacIver, Darlene Hands, George Hands, Judy Pennoyer, Gerry Bomba, Roy Pennoyer, Don Buchanan, Marion Bomba. Missing: Lawrence Schultz.

(November 2013)

Promotions

Name & Rank	Reg. No.	Division	Date	Name & Rank	Reg. No.	Division	Date
Arsenault, Insp. M.N.C.	39488	"HQ"	2013/11/07	Montgomery, Insp. L.D.	46700	"E"	2013/11/07
Aubie, J.G.A.	C/7842	"E"	2013/06/19	Murray, Cpl. T.A.	42911	"E"	2013/07/11
Bélanger-Breault, C.J.	C/7806	"J"	2010/12/15	O'Beirne, Insp. J.E.M.	44526	"HQ"	2013/11/07
Baier, S/Sgt. W.D.	38709	"E"	2013/03/08	O'Ruairc, Cpl. S.K.	50680	"E"	2013/07/17
Blais, N.A.	C/8464	"J"	2010/12/15	Ogden, Insp. J.C.	37530	"HQ"	2013/11/07
Braes, Sgt. S.W.A.	35551	"E"	2013/07/03	Pauls, Cpl. K.R.	51183	"E"	2013/06/22
Breton, S/Sgt. R.J.P.	37417	"HQ"	2010/09/08	Perry, Insp. D.J.G.	38700	"A"	2013/11/07
Brown, S/Sgt. D.S.	44566	"E"	2012/03/19	Rannie, M.D.	C/4906	"HQ"	2011/04/01
Brown, Sgt. D.W.	52222	"K"	2013/10/21	Redl, Sgt. G.K.	49805	"D"	2013/11/01
Burns, Cpl. M.F.	46444	"V"	2013/10/21	Richard, Insp. C.J.G.	38642	"HQ"	2013/11/07
Casault, S/Sgt. W.N.	42299	"E"	2010/08/15	Richardson, Insp. D.L.	41226	"E"	2013/11/07
Charlton, S/Sgt. T.	42287	"D"	2013/09/19	Ringelberg, Cpl. J.J.	51981	"E"	2013/08/19
Chomyn, Insp. L.F.	44323	"E"	2013/11/07	Rodrigue, S/Sgt. J.J.P.B.J.P.	44485	"E"	2013/07/22
Corcoran, Insp. S.A.	42908	"E"	2013/11/07	Rossignol, N.N.	C/4552	"HQ"	2012/07/27
Dey, Insp. M.G.J.	36080	"E"	2013/11/07	Saganski, Insp. P.G.	39875	"D"	2013/11/07
Dolny, Sgt. M.G.	37852	"F"	2005/10/07	Snook, Sgt. K.G.	44572	"H"	2010/10/17
Douglas, Sgt. R.R.	47743	"HQ"	2013/10/29	St-Jacques, Insp. S.J.R.	40146	"A"	2013/11/07
Dubois, Insp. C.J.	38736	"C"	2013/11/07	Teboul, S/Sgt. D.R.	46161	"E"	2013/06/14
Ferguson, Insp. B.L.	45261	"D"	2013/11/07	Theisen, Insp. J.R.	45316	"E"	2013/11/07
Foster, Cpl. S.W.T.	51498	"E"	2013/08/28	Thivierge, Insp. P.J.C.	40550	"HQ"	2013/11/07
Fralick, Cpl. T.D.	47853	"K"	2013/10/01	Trottier, Insp. P.M.	40075	"K"	2013/11/07
Frizzley, Sgt. J.E.	48023	"D"	2013/11/13	Vrolyk, S/Sgt. S.S.	44080	"E"	2013/07/25
Gallant, Insp. M.J.N.	39410	"C"	2013/11/07	Weseen, Cpl. R.G.	50518	"K"	2012/10/17
Halina, Insp. D.W.	43749	"V"	2013/11/07	Zwarich, Sgt. B.S.	47262	"K"	2010/12/13
Hallett, Sgt. J.J.R.	50857	"F"	2013/11/13				
Howell, Cpl. R.R.	45284	"E"	2013/07/17				
Joaquin, Insp. R.H.	44410	"E"	2013/11/07				
Kachur, Sgt. J.R.	51120	"F"	2013/09/10				
Kallert, Cpl. B.M.	36780	"HQ"	2010/04/01				
Kult, S/Sgt. K.R.	42913	"E"	2012/07/05				
Kushko, Sgt. R.A.	44094	"HQ"	2013/09/27				
Landry, Sgt. J.J.R.	51612	"K"	2013/10/18				
Lavergne, D.J.R.	C/3496	"HQ"	2006/12/08				
Lecky, S/Sgt. S.H.	45349	"E"	2013/11/06				
Livingstone, S/Sgt. L.B.	44088	"E"	2011/11/15				
Lowe, Sgt. S.D.	46800	"F"	2013/08/31				
Maclean, Insp. M.G.	40324	"HQ"	2013/11/07				
MacIntosh, Sgt. A.D.	48748	"E"	2013/08/09				
Maughan, Insp. W.R.J.	32271	"E"	2013/11/07				
McBryan, Insp. C.D.	43603	"HQ"	2013/11/13				
McDonald, Insp. C.J.	36072	"E"	2013/11/07				
McClarty, Cpl. D.C.L.	47806	"K"	2013/08/30				
McGiffin, Cpl. A.K.A.	50591	"E"	2013/07/17				
Menoche, S/Sgt. A.J.G.	44274	"HQ"	2011/11/05				

Retirements

(July 2010, May, November 2013)

Name & Rank	Reg. No.	Division	Date	Name & Rank	Reg. No.	Division	Date
Anderson, Cst. L.S.	42169	"E"	2013/11/13	Link, Cpl. J.R.	34944	"K"	2013/11/14
Baran, K.R.	C/3363	"F"	2013/11/08	Lisson, Cpl. B.S.	40860	"T"	2013/11/16
Blake, Cst. K.R.	35247	"K"	2013/11/28	Lukca, Insp. M.S.	36785	"A"	2013/11/20
Burke, C/Supt. S.B.	34064	"HQ"	2013/11/02	Maloney, Cst. P.D.	41211	"K"	2013/11/05
Calanza, Cpl. R.C.	40908	"E"	2013/11/05	Marlow, Cst. W.R.	40054	"K"	2013/11/30
Campbell, Cst. M.H.	44779	"E"	2013/11/14	Mason, J.M.	C/3240	"HQ"	2013/11/28
Christie, Cst. F.T.	37731	"K"	2013/11/02	Mercier, Cpl. Y.J.A.	43046	"HQ"	2013/11/06
Corsius, L.	C/8895	"HQ"	2013/11/23	Metz, J.A.	C/5570	"E"	2013/11/02
Danyluk, Cpl. J.M.	37654	"E"	2013/11/27	Michaud, Cst. D.A.	40743	"A"	2013/05/15
Daoust, Cst. C.J.	50580	"E"	2013/11/14	Monteith, S/Sgt. D.	30798	"O"	2010/07/06
Delahey, Cpl. S.A.	42378	"F"	2013/11/28	Nightingale, C.A.	C/3270	"H"	2013/11/14
Despins, S/Cst. W.L.	S/3965	"F"	2013/11/28	Nobles, Cpl. P.J.	35924	"K"	2013/11/21
Dodier, Cpl. D.J.	39394	"HQ"	2013/11/14	Peters, Supt. G.J.	37282	"HQ"	2013/10/01
Doti, R.	C/3023	"O"	2013/11/19	Rempel, Sgt. S.W.	37328	"E"	2013/11/05
Duffield, Sgt. T.D.	38417	"O"	2013/11/16	Sampson, Cst. B.S.	43142	"E"	2013/11/13
Frame, Insp. R.B.	40203	"D"	2013/11/14	Scott, Insp. J.W.	36879	"E"	2013/11/15
Fraser, Sgt. W.C.	36416	"D"	2013/11/28	Scott, S.J.	C/5629	"E"	2013/11/06
Frey, D.E.	C/4842	"K"	2013/11/01	Smith, Cst. S.	40152	"K"	2013/11/06
Hobbs, S/Sgt. K.D.A.	35137	"HQ"	2013/11/04	Thompson, Insp. J.S.	43423	"B"	2013/11/17
House, Cpl. J.A.	45524	"E"	2013/11/28	Vinnedge, Cst. L.T.	38020	"H"	2013/11/28
Leblanc, Cst. R.J.	46494	"J"	2013/11/27	Weiss, Cpl. R.J.	35198	"K"	2013/11/14
Leitch, Cst. R.G.	37260	"K"	2013/11/01	Woolnough, Cst. S.G.	36345	"K"	2013/11/14

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BARRON Reg. No. 29335, Cpl. James Douglas Barron (Rtd.), 62, died Dec. 11, 2013, at Kamloops, B.C. Born June 15, 1951, at Campbellton, N.B., he joined the Force Oct. 13, 1971, at Fredericton, N.B. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "A" and "E" Divs., until retiring April 11, 2007. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars. He was awarded a Commanding Officer's Commendation on Dec. 25, 1983, for disarming a dangerous person armed with a loaded rifle.

BEVERIDGE Reg. No. 27790, Cst. Richard Gil Beveridge (Rtd.), 64, died Jan. 27, 2014, at Duncan, B.C. Born July 4, 1949, at Halifax, N.S., he joined the Force Feb. 25, 1970, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" Div., until retiring April 3, 1995. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

CLARK Reg. No. 18188, S/Sgt. John Wallace Gray Clark (Rtd.), 80, died Dec. 26, 2013, at Edmonton, Alta. Born Nov. 13, 1933, at Spy Hill, Sask., he joined the Force May 13, 1953, at Regina, Sask. Upon completion of training at "Fairmont," he served in "K" and "HQ" Divs., until retiring May 17, 1976. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

COOK Reg. No. 14382, Sgt. John Clarence Cook (Rtd.), 91, died Nov. 13, 2013, at Ottawa, Ont. Born Oct. 26, 1922, at Virden, Man., he joined the Force Jan. 7, 1942, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "F" and "HQ" Divs., until retiring Oct. 2, 1963. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

D'ENTREMONT Reg. No. 18899, Sgt. Joseph Leo Paul d'Entremont, 80, died Feb. 2, 2014, at Gatineau, Que. Born Oct. 30, 1933, at Bathurst, N.B., he joined the Force April 4, 1955, at Fredericton, N.B. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "C," "A," and "HQ" Divs., until retiring Dec. 30, 1975. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

DORNAN Reg. No. 16496, S/Sgt. William Ned Dornan (Rtd.), 88, died Dec. 30, 2013, at Surrey, B.C. Born June 2, 1925, at Vancouver, B.C., he joined the Force Aug. 22, 1950, at Vancouver, B.C. He served in "E" Div., until retiring Dec. 30, 1980. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars, 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star and War Medal. He previously served in the Royal Canadian Navy from Sept. 22, 1942 - Aug. 13, 1943 and in the BCPP from July 27, 1946 - Aug. 14, 1950.

ELLIS Reg. No. 19982, S/Sgt. Edwin William Ellis (Rtd.), 75, died Jan. 27, 2014, at Penticton, B.C. Born March 22, 1938, at Magrath, Alta., he joined the Force May 22, 1957, at Lethbridge, Alta. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "K" Div., until retiring April 24, 1988. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

GAREAU Reg. No. 42392, Cst. Joseph William Gareau (Rtd.), 66, died Dec. 16, 2013, at Bowmanville, Ont. Born April 25, 1947, at Toronto, Ont., he joined the Force Dec. 27, 1972, at Toronto, ON. He served in "O" Div., until retiring April 20, 2011. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

GAVIN Reg. No. 23693, former Cpl. Donald Marvin Gavin (Rtd.), 69, died Nov. 25, 2013, at Agassiz, B.C. Born March 6, 1944, at Sudbury, Ont., he joined the Force Aug. 21, 1964, at North Bay, Ont. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" and "N" Divs., until getting a free discharge Aug. 21, 1975.

GREEN C/2678, C/M Calvin Joseph Green, 78, died Nov. 27, 2013, at Truro, N.S. Born Nov. 23, 1935, at Deer Lake, N.L., he joined the Force April 3, 1980, at Corner Brook, N.L. He served in "B" and "H" Divs. until retiring April 10, 1996. He previously served in the Royal Canadian Navy from Sept. 25, 1953 - Aug. 11, 1976.

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HENRY Reg. No. 19935, Sgt. John Godfrey Henry (Rtd.), 75, died Nov. 3, 2013, at Hamilton, Ont. Born Jan. 25, 1938, at Vancouver, B.C., he joined the Force April 18, 1957, at Victoria, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served "F," "O" and "HQ" Divs., until July 15, 1984, when he joined CSIS. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

HUSKA Reg. No. 19679, S/Sgt. Peter Huska (Rtd.), 75, died Jan. 10, 2014, at Kelowna, B.C. Born Feb. 19, 1938, at Grandview, Man., he joined the Force Oct. 22, 1956, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" Div., until retiring April 2, 1987. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

JAMIESON Reg. No. 22254, Cpl. John William Jamieson (Rtd.), 74, died Dec. 25, 2013, at Kamloops, B.C. Born Sept. 25, 1939, at Kamloops, B.C., he joined the Force Jan. 4, 1962, at Kamloops, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "F" and "E" Divs., until retiring April 2, 1992. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

JONES Reg. No. 18741, S/Sgt. Budd Gerald Jones (Rtd.), 78, died Dec. 21, 2013, at Hinton, Alta. Born Nov. 30, 1935, at Canora, Sask., he joined the Force Sept. 20, 1954, at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., he served in "Depot" and "K" Divs., until retiring Nov. 12, 1979. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

KALBHENN Reg. No. S/96, S/Cst. Aloysius Peter Kalbhenn, 89, died Feb. 13, 2014 at Sydney, N.S. Born April 1, 1924, at New Waterford, N.S., he joined the Force Oct., 6, 1944, at Halifax, N.S. He served in "H" Div. until being discharged May 31, 1945.

LEIGHTON Reg. No. 23034, former Cst. Robert George Leighton, 70, died Jan. 2, 2014, at Surrey, B.C. Born March 3, 1943, at Toronto, Ont., he joined the Force April 4, 1963, at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "F" Div., until being discharged Sept. 17, 1964.

MACGREGOR Reg. No. 17877, Cst. Alexander Mackenzie MacGregor, 87, died Aug. 24, 2013, at Victoria, B.C. Born Sept. 26, 1925, at Scotland, he joined the Force Sept. 8, 1952 at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at "Fairmont," he served in "E" Div., until purchasing his discharge Jan. 10, 1956. He was awarded the 1939-45 Service Medal, Burma Star and Victory Medal. He previously served in the Royal Navy from August 1943 - November 1946 and the Glasgow, Scotland City Police from January 1948 - May 1951.

MACQUARRIE Reg. No. 36475, Cst. Marion Elizabeth MacQuarrie, 62, died Sept. 20, 2013, at Baddeck, N.S. Born Oct. 26, 1950, at Baddeck, N.S., she joined the Force Oct. 28, 1980, at Sydney, N.S. Upon completion of training at "Depot," she served in "K" Div., until being medically discharged Nov. 25, 1999.

MAHONEY Reg. No. 13954,(0.538), Supt. Edmund James Joseph Mahoney (Rtd.), 89, died Dec. 29, 2010, at Weyburn, Sask. Born Aug. 7, 1921 at Verdun, Que., he joined the Force Jan. 10, 1941, at Biggar, Sask. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., he served in "F," "K" and "D" Divs., until retiring Oct. 1, 1974. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Canadian Centennial Medal.

MARTIN Reg. No. 15344, former Cst. William Monkhouse Martin, 86, died Oct. 31, 2013, at Comox, B.C. Born Sept. 15, 1927, at Cumberland, B.C., he joined the Force Sept. 3, 1947, at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., he served in "K" and "G" Div., until purchasing his discharge Nov. 3, 1952.

Obituaries

MATTOCKS Reg. No. 16725, Cst. Donald Paul Mattocks, 81, died Dec. 18, 2013, at Beeton, Ont. Born March 7, 1932, at Parry Sound, Ont., he joined the Force Nov. 9, 1950, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "L," "G" and "K" Divs., until purchasing his discharge July 15, 1954.

MCCOY Reg. No. 18763, Sgt. William Joseph McCoy (Rtd.), 81, died Feb. 4, 2014, at Calgary, Alta. Born Jan. 8, 1933, at Toronto, Ont., he joined the Force Oct. 7, 1954, at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., he served in "K" Div., until retiring Oct. 7, 1979. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

MENNIE Reg. No. 24462, former Cst. William James Alexander Mennie, 68, died Oct. 12, 2013, at St. John, N.B. Born June 28, 1945, at Saint John, N.B., he joined the Force Jan. 6, 1966, at Fredericton, N.B. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served at "B" Div., until receiving a free discharge March 7, 1975.

NEWCOMBE Reg. No. 18642, S/Sgt. Harry Alden Newcombe (Rtd.), 81, died Nov. 29, 2013, at Springhill, NS. Born Sept. 23, 1932, at Springhill, N.S., he joined the Force May 26, 1954, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "B" Div., until retiring July 15, 1980. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

PRINGLE Reg. No. 17964 S/Sgt. John William Pringle (Rtd.), 80, died Jan. 19, 2014, at Carcross, Yukon. Born Nov. 12, 1933, at Boston, Mass., he joined the Force Nov. 17, 1952, at Sydney, N.S. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "A," "L," "G," "J," "K" and "M" Divs., until retiring Aug. 31, 1983. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars. He was awarded a Commanding Officer's Commendation in 1958 for assisting Saint John City Police in disabling an armed suspect. He received a Commissioner's Commendation for his display of bravery for jumping onto an ice floe in the Yukon River and rescued a man from drowning on March 28, 1983, at Whitehorse, Yukon. In 1984, he also received a Medal of Bravery from the Governor General.

SALTER Reg. No. 23188, Cpl. Frank Mervin Salter (Rtd.), 71, died Feb. 17, 2014, at Bridgewater, N.S. Born Oct. 7, 1942, at New Glasgow, N.S., he joined the Force Oct. 30, 1963, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served at "B" until retiring Dec. 8, 1993. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

VAN DEN BERG Reg. No. 27667, Cpl. Piebe George Van Den Berg (Rtd.), 64, died Oct. 24, 2013, at Ottawa, Ont. Born Oct. 7, 1949, at Wolvega, Holland, he joined the Force Dec. 29, 1969, at Chilliwack, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "D," "E," "K" and "G" Divs., until retiring April 3, 2002. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

Obituaries

WALTON Reg. No. 16563, S/Sgt. Edward John Walton (Rtd.), 88, died Jan. 29, 2014 at Summerland, B.C. Born Sept. 28, 1925, at Neptune, Sask., he joined the Force Aug. 15, 1950, at Mission City, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Fairmont," he served in "E" Div., until retiring July 1, 1972. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, CVSM and Clasp, War Medal, 1939-45 Star, France & Germany Star, Defence Medal. He previously served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from May 28, 1943 - Sept. 28, 1945 and the BCPP from May 1, 1948 - Aug. 14, 1950 until amalgamation with the RCMP.

WARD Reg. No. 16244, S/Sgt. Fidelis Ward (Rtd.), 86, died Dec. 14, 2013, at Ottawa, ON. Born Nov. 5, 1927, at South East Bight, Placentia Bay, NF, he joined the Force Aug. 1, 1950, at St. John's NF. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., he served in "B," "J" and "HQ" Divs., until retiring Dec. 30, 1975. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star. He previously served in the Newfoundland Constabulary from Oct. 15, 1949 until he transferred to the RCMP.

WASHINGTON Reg. No. 19287, S/Sgt. Kenneth Allan Washington (Rtd.), 80, died Dec. 16, 2013, at Richmond, B.C. Born June 3, 1933, at Brandon, Man., he joined the Force March 14, 1956, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" Div., until retiring April 7, 1989. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars. He was also awarded the Canadian Banks Law Enforcement Award for assistance in the robbery and kidnapping of bank employees in Burnaby, B.C.

WOODWARD Reg. No. 30888, Cpl. Brian Charles Woodward (Rtd.), 61, died Nov. 23, 2013, at Prince Albert, Sask. Born Oct. 22, 1952, at Niagara Falls, Ont., he joined the Force Sept. 18, 1973, at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "F" Div., until retiring April 15, 2004. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.



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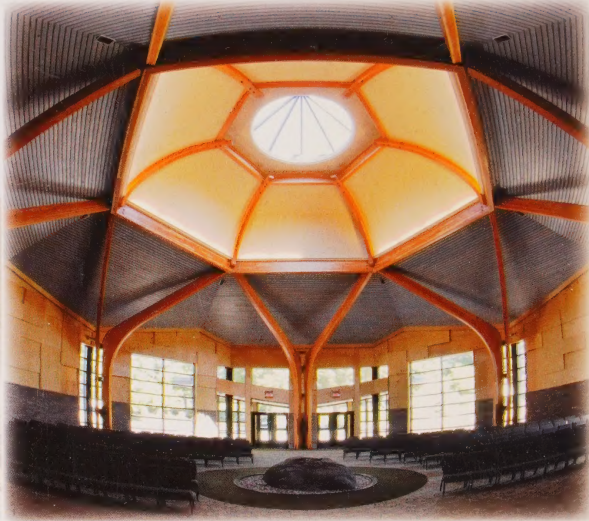
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